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2. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

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4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(*a*) **In Studies of First Year.**

Sewell E. Leech, Thomas P. Baker, Henry Dunnack, Trelawney C. Chapman.

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None.

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Charles E. Jones.

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(c) **In Studies of Third Year.**

None.

(d) **In Studies of Fourth Year.**

None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

None.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) **Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.**

William Cashmore, John B. Howard, Herbert L. Williams.

(b) **Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.**

None.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) **Admitted into Full Membership this year.**

William Cashmore, John B. Howard, Herbert L. Williams.

(b) **Admitted into Full Membership previously.**

None.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

William Wood, Wilmot P. Lord.

10. What members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) **Elected and Ordained Elders this year.**

Henry A. Peare, Charles A. Brooks, Thomas N. Kewley.

(b) **Elected and Ordained Elders previously.**

None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) **As Local Preachers.**

None.

(b) **Under Missionary Rule.**

None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) **As Local Deacons.**

None.

(b) **Under Missionary Rule.**

None.

13. Was the character of each preacher Examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?

A. W. Pottle to the East Maine, M. C. Pendexter to the New Hampshire, S. T. Westhafer to the Holston.

15. **Who have died?**

Ernest A. Porter, Alvah Cook, Jesse Stone.

16. **Who have been Located at their own request?**

None.

17. **Who have been Located?**

None.

18. **Who have Withdrawn?**

Charles A. Ratcliffe.

19. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**

None.

20. **Who have been Expelled?**

None.

21. **What other personal Notation should be made?**

Not any.

22. **Who are Supernumerary Preachers?**

H. Chase, Geo. C. Andrews, Ira G. Ross, S. D. Brown, J. W. Smith, G. F. Cobb, John Gibson, John A. Strout, J. R. Remick.

23. **Who are the Superannuated Preachers?**

Geo. W. Barber, Henry Crockett, C. F. Allen, D. B. Randall, C. K. Evans, Joseph Mooar, Alpha Turner, Joseph Hawks, S. M. Emerson, J. E. Budden, W. B. Bartlett, T. P. Adams, J. P. Cole, C. W. Blackman, Ira G. Sprague, Chas. Munger, H. F. A. Patterson, R. H. Kimball, Geo. Hoit, True Whittier, John Collins, A. R. Sylvester, J. R. Masterman, N. D. Center, E. K. Colby, J. M. Woodbury, W. H. Foster, C. E. Bisbee.

24. **Who are Triers of Appeals?**

D. B. Holt, G. D. Lindsay, C. F. Parsons, A. C. Trafton, J. R. Clifford, Thomas Whiteside, B. F. Fickett.

25. **What is the Statistical Report for this year?**

See statistical tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

$12,935.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

$4,195.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

Received, $4,259. 76.

Applied, To Superannuated Preachers,	$2,360
To Widows,	1,835
Balance to Preachers' Aid Society,	64.76

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See list of Appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held?

At Congress St., Portland.

Official Journal.

Daily Proceedings.

Auburn, April 8th, 1896.

Opening.—The Seventy-second Session of the Maine Annual Conference opened in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Auburn, Wednesday, April 8th, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. W. S. Jones conducted the opening devotional service. A part of the 20th of Acts was read by Geo. R. Palmer, prayer was offered by J. B. Lapham, and "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" was sung. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the presiding elders, assisted by several elders.

Bishop Merrill not having arrived, J. A. Corey called the Conference to order, and, on motion of D. B. Randall, Geo. R. Palmer was elected President.

Roll-Call—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll and seventy-six answered present. The decease of Jesse Stone, Alvah Cook and Ernest A. Porter was announced.

Organization.—Wilbur F. Berry was re-elected Secretary by acclamation, and by permission nominated G. C. Andrews Historical Secretary. James Wright was elected Statistical Secretary, he nominated C. F. Parsons and D. F. Faulkner assistants, and they were elected. S. Hooper was elected Conference Treasurer, he nominated W. Canham assistant, and he was elected.

Standing Committees.—J. A. Corey, for the presiding elders, nominated the Standing Committees, and they were elected.

Rules of Order.—On motion of E. O. Thayer the Rules of Order of last year were adopted.

Adjournment.—The time of adjournment was fixed at 11.45 a. m., on motion of E. S. Stackpole.

The Conference Bar was fixed at the second post from the pulpit end of the church.

Standing Committees.—On motion of J. A. Corey, B. F. Fickett was added to the Committee on Finance.

Home Missionary Contributions.—E. O. Thayer moved that only cash contributions to the W. H. M. S. be reported in the statistics. J. H. Roberts moved as a substitute that the reports be made as usual this year. The whole matter was tabled on motion of C. F. Parsons.

Standing Committees.—E. O. Thayer was added to the Committee on Sabbath Observance in place of C. S. Cummings, who is detained at home by an injury.

Visitors.—Manley S. Hard, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Extension of Time.—On motion of D. B. Randall the time was extended.

Certain Papers were referred to proper committees by common consent.

Western Accounts were, on motion, placed in the hands of W. Wood for collection.

Absence.—Leave of absence was granted W. S. Jones.

Closing.—The announcements were made and Conference adjourned with singing and the benediction by J. M. Woodbury.

SECOND DAY, Thursday, April 9, 1896.

Opening.—The morning devotions were conducted by L. H. Bean.

Bishop Stephen M. Merrill was in the chair at nine o'clock. In opening the Conference he said that the New York East Con-

ference did not adjourn until late Tuesday night, when he came directly to Auburn, arriving at Auburn at 3 o'clock p. m. Wednesday.

Roll-Call.—The list of absentees was called and six answered present.

Journal.—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Certain Papers were referred to the proper committees.

Methodist Review.—W. P Lord was appointed to solicit subscribers for the Methodist Review.

Gospel in all Lands.—F. C. Potter was appointed to secure subscribers to this periodical.

Drafts.—The Bishop announced drafts to this Conference of $22 on the Chartered Fund and of $909 on the Book Concern, and drafts for these amounts were ordered.

Episcopal Fund.—A communication from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was referred to the presiding elders.

The Statistical Secretary made a call for statistics from delinquent charges.

The Thirteenth Question was called. Was the character of each preacher examined?

John B. Lapham, Presiding Elder of Augusta District, J. A. Corey, Presiding Elder of Lewiston District, and George R. Palmer, Presiding Elder of Portland District, were passed in character and presented their reports. Each presiding elder answered affirmatively the Bishop's question: "Have the rules relating to Missions been observed on your district?"

On motion of J. B. Lapham, it was ordered that preachers report if all collections have been taken.

All the effective Elders were passed in character and those present reported their collections. The following is the list:

C. S. Cummings, O. S. Pillsbury, W. B. Dukeshire, E. O. Thayer, C. F. Parsons, D. B. Holt, C. A. Southard, W. B. Eldridge, E. Gerry, James Nixon, B. C. Wentworth, D. R. Ford, W. F. Berry, B. F. Fickett, S. Hooper, C. W. Gallagher, E. S. Stackpole, M. C. Pendexter, F. C. Potter, A. Hamilton, C. E. Springer, J. H. Roberts, W. F. Holmes, A. C. Trafton, J.

H. Trask, C. Purinton, G. I. Lowe, E. T. Adams, G. D. Holmes, W. H. Gowell, T. Whiteside, F. Grovenor, J. R. Remick, W. T. Chapman, A. K. Bryant, H. C. Sheldon, W. P. Merrill, H. E. Frohock, John Gibson, I. A. Bean, E. W. Kennison, W. H. Barber, W. F. Marshall, E. C. Strout, M. E. King, L. H. Bean, R. Lawton, W. Canham, W. S. Jones, C. W. Parsons, G. D. Lindsay, F. C. Rogers, F. W. Smith, A. A. Lewis, G. F. Millward, H. Hewitt, D. Pratt, C. C. Phelan, J. R. Clifford, James Wright, C. A. Ratcliffe.

The Ninth Question was called. What members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year? William Wood and Wilmot P. Lord were passed in character and made the usual reports. The Committee on Examination reported, the Presiding Elders represented the men and they were passed to the Studies of the Fourth Class.

Visitors.—A. B. Leonard, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Society, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

Rev. G. C. Wilson, Superintendent of the Maine Bible Society, was introduced and spoke of the work of that society.

Fraternal Delegates.—The reception of Fraternal Delegates was made the order of the day for Friday, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Conference Claimants.—The following resolution, offered by D. B. Holt, was adopted:

Resolved, That a commission of five be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration the method of distributing funds for Conference Claimants, and to devise, if possible, some better plan than that now in use and report to the next session of Conference.

The Fifth Question was called. Who have been continued on Trial? John A. Ford, Dwight F. Faulkner, Frank W. Sadler, Royal A. Rich, Anderson Crain, James H. Bounds, William H. Varney, J. L. Hoyle and Herbert L. Nichols were passed in character, and on the report of the Committee on Examination and the recommendation of the Presiding Elders they were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the Second Year.

William H. Varney was conditioned on the Outlines of History. Charles E. Jones had not appeared before the Examining Committee, he was passed in character, and, on the recommendation of J. B. Lapham, was continued in the Class of the First Year.

The Tenth Question was called. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? Henry A. Peare, Charles A. Brooks and Thomas N. Kewley, were passed in character, and, on the report of the Committee on Examination and the recommendation of the Presiding Elders, were elected to Elder's Orders.

The Twenty-second Question was called. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? H. Chase, Geo. C. Andrews, Ira G. Ross, S. D. Brown, J. W. Smith and G. F. Cobb were passed in character and their relation continued. John A. Strout's case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. The relation of C. E. Bisbee was changed to Superannuate; I. Luce and A. W. Pottle were made effective, and action on the relation of H. A. Clifford was deferred.

Resolution.—A resolution relating to the Missionary Society, offered by F. C. Potter, was laid on the table for the present.

Closing.—The announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Leonard, and Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Third Day, Friday Morning, April 10, 1896.

Opening.—The morning devotional service was conducted by G. F. Cobb.

The Journal of Thursday's session was read and approved.

Conference Trustees.—On motion of J. B. Lapham the Conference nominated two persons, E. T. Adams and G. D. Holmes, from whom the Conference Trustees may elect a Conference Trustee.

The Twenty-second Question was called. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? The following were passed in character

and their relation continned: G. W. Barber, Henry Crockett, C. F. Allen, D. B. Randall, C. K. Evans, Joseph Mooar, Alpha Turner, Joseph Hawks, S. M. Emerson, J. E. Budden, W. B. Bartlett, T. P. Adams, J. P. Cole, C. W. Blackman, Ira G. Sprague, Chas. Munger, H. F. A. Patterson, R. H. Kimball, George Hoit, True Whittier, John Collins, A. R. Sylvester, J. R. Masterman, N. D. Center, E. K. Colby, J. M. Woodbury, W. H. Foster.

Resolution.—W. S. Jones offered the following resolution of sympathy to Rev. C. F. Allen and family, and it was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

"In consideration of the sad and crushing calamity which has fallen upon the homes and hearts of the Rev. C. F. Allen and family in the drowning and death of his son, William A. Allen, Chief Civil Engineer of the Maine Central Railroad Company, we wish to extend to them our sympathy in the following Resolution: That as a Conference we extend our heartiest and most sincere condolence to our much respected and beloved brother and his family, and pray that they may be divinely sustained in this time of loss and sorrow by finding underneath them the everlasting arms, around them the light of the divine presence, and in their soul the comfort and assurance of the divine presence and love.

H. A. Clifford was made effective.

Visitors.—Rev. Charles Parkhurst, editor of Zion's Herald, was introduced and presented the claims of that paper. He announced a dividend of $404 to the Conference from the Wesleyan Association.

Prof. Robert W. Rogers, of Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced and spoke of that institution.

Fraternal Delegates.—The order of the day, the reception of fraternal delegates, was taken up. Rev. Martin Summerbell of Lewiston, the delegate of the Interdenominational Commission of Maine; Rev. F. P. Wormwood of Gray, delegate from the Maine Free Baptist Association, and Rev. A. T. Dunn of Waterville, representing the Baptist Churches of Maine, were

introduced and brought the fraternal greetings of these bodies. Bishop Merrill, for the Conference, responded fittingly to the greetings of these delegates.

General Conference Delegates.—On motion of D. B. Randall the election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day for Saturday after the admission into full membership.

Question Eleven was called. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? Not any.

Question Twelve was called. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? Not any.

Constitutional Changes.—The following propositions for Constitutional changes were read by the Secretary:

I. On Lay Delegates. (Submitted by the General Conference. Discipline, Appendix, Par. 36.)

Resolved, That we submit to the Annual Conference the proposition to amend the Restrictive Rule by adding the words "and said delegates must be male members;" after the words "two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," so that it will read, "Nor of more than two delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates must be male members."

II. On lay delegates. (Submitted by the Baltimore Annual Conference, March, 1893, and Colorado Annual Conference, June, 1895.)

Amend the second Restrictive Rule by adding the words "and said delegates may be men or women" after the words "two lay delegates for an Annual Conference;" so that the entire clause will read: "Nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said lay delegates may be men or women.

III. On Ratio of Ministerial Representation. (Submitted by Colorado Annual Conference, June, 1895.)

Strike out the words "forty-five" in the fourth line of section 2, paragraph 67, of the Discipline, and insert instead the words "sixty-five," so that the clause, as amended, shall read as follows: "The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every sixty-five."

Bishop Merrill explained that Conference could decline to vote on Proposition I; but that all members had the right to have their votes recorded on this proposition if they desired. On motion of C. Munger, the Conference, as a body, declined to vote on the proposition, but the following asked to have their votes recorded: W. S. Jones, aye; D. R. Ford, D. B. Randall and D. Pratt, no.

Proposition II. The Conference directed that a standing vote be taken, and sixty-nine voted for and eight against Proposition II.

On Proposition III. On the Ratio of Ministerial Representation, fifty-three voted for and six against the proposed change.

General Conference Delegates.—H. A. Clifford asked if members who must be absent when the election of delegates to the General Conference occurs could have the right to leave their votes and have them counted at the election. Bishop Merrill stated that while this had been done at some Conferences, the legality of such a course is questionable.

J. A. Corey moved that the vote fixing the time for the election of delegates for Saturday a. m. be reconsidered, and the motion was lost.

E. S. Stackpole moved that H. A. Clifford, C. S. Cummings and A. W. Pottle be allowed to leave their votes with the Secretary for delegates to the General Conference, and that they be counted in the election. The motion was lost.

H. A. Clifford was granted leave of absence.

Apportionments.—J. B. Lapham offered a resolution relative to the apportionment of benevolent monies to the charges of the Conference. W. S. Jones moved as a substitute for the resolution that the matter of apportionment be left to the Presiding Elders, and the substitute was adopted.

John Gibson, at his request, was given a Supernumerary relation, and granted leave of absence.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of E. T. Adams it was voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at two o'clock p.m.

Closing.—The announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by D. B. Randall, and Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Third Day, Afternoon Session, April 10.

Opening.—Conference convened at two o'clock p. m. to receive the Electoral Conference. E. T. Adams read a portion of John 15, and offered prayer. "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung.

Bro. E. S. Crosby of the Wesley Church, Bath, chairman of the Electoral Conference was called to the platform by Bishop Merrill, and introduced. Chairman Crosby presented the members of the Electoral Conference to the members of the Annual Conference, and while standing ministers and laymen joined in singing a stanza of "Jesus, Lover of my soul." The lay delegates to the General Conference elected, W. I. Merrill of East Deering, and W. H. Miles of Lisbon were called to the platform and introduced. By invitation of the Bishop chairman Crosby briefly addressed the Conference, and called on the lay delegates, Miles and Merrill, who in the order of their size addressed the Conference.

Bishop Merrill in an interesting and helpful address spoke wisely of the General Conference, its danger, its duties and its relation to the Annual Conferences and the Church.

Captain Moses French of Solon spoke of the value of religious papers and the desirableness of having General Conference Secretaries and the Bishops attend our rural camp-meetings. Rev. John Collins made a characteristic speech. At 3.15 p. m. the Electoral Conference retired to complete their work and Bishop Merrill appointed E. T. Adams to preside at the memorial service.

Memorial Service.—A quartette of preachers sang "Remember me thou mighty one," E. C. Strout read Scripture selections, and H. Chase offered prayer. The quartette sang "Bread of Heaven."

The memoir of Jesse Stone was read by D. B. Randall. that of Ernest A. Porter was read by G. F. Cobb, and that of Alvah Cook was read by E. T. Adams.

The qurrtette sang "Nearer my home to-day," W. T. Jones read the memoir of Mrs. Lydia Atkinson, D. B. Randall read the memoir of Mrs. Sarah J. Andrews, and E. T. Adams that Mrs. Emma J. Young.

The congregation sang "The Sweet by and by," the memoirs read were adopted, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by A. W. Pottle.

FOURTH DAY, Saturday, April 11, 1895.

Opening.—The morning devotional services were led by H. Chase.

Journal.—The Journal of Saturday was read and approved

Transfers.—The transfer of Herbert L. Williams, probationer in the Wisconsin Conference and of D. E. Miller from the New Hampshire Conference was announced.

Question Three.—Who have been received on Credentials, and from what churches, was called: John B. Howard and William Cashmore, probationers in the Methodist Church of Canada, were admitted.

Question Seventh was called. Who have been admitted into Full Membership? William Cashmore, John B. Howard, and Herbert L. Williams answered the disciplinary questions affirmatively. Bishop Merrill addressed them, clearly and forcefully explaining the questions answered. They were passed in character, the committee on examination reported in the case of Williams, certificates of examination were read in the case

of Cashmore and Howard, the commmittee on admission to Conference reported, and on the recommendation of the presiding-elders they were admitted to full membership, and elected to Deacon's orders.

Frederick A. Leitch, an elder in the Methodist Church of Canada, on motion of Geo. D. Lindsay, was admitted on his credentials, and his orders as an elder were recognized.

General Conference Delegates.—On motion of D. B. Randall the order of the day, the election of delegates to the General Conference, was taken up. It was voted that the election be by ballot. On motion of A. A. Lewis the Secretary was directed to name tellers; he nominated A. A. Lewis, W. Canham, B. C. Wentworth, and H. E. Frohock. The Secretary announced that the Conference was entitled to two delegates.

Voted, on motion of G. C. Andrews, that two names be put upon one slip, and the slip be counted as one vote.

J. B. Lapham thanked the Conference for electing him four years ago and requested them not to consider his name in voting. The tellers were directed to retire and count the votes. Geo. C. Andrews was directed to accompany the tellers as Secretary. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

Visitors.—Rev. S. L. Beiler, vice-chancellor of the American University at Washington, D. C., was introduced and spoke of that institution.

Official Journal.—On motion of W. F. Berry the published Minutes were made the official journal.

Biblical Criticism.—A resolution on Biblical criticism, offered by C. Munger, was adopted.

General Conference Delegates.—The following vote for delegates to the General Conference was announced: Whole number of votes, 87; necessary to a choice, 44; George D. Lindsay had 54 and Wilbur F. Berry 45, and were declared elected.

Voted, That a ballot for two reserve delegates be taken, and that the two having the highest number of votes be declared elected. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

The Time was extended on motion of I. Luce.

Itinerant's Institute.—On motion of E. O. Thayer it was voted that two-thirds of the profits on the Minutes be paid to the Itinerant's Institute.

Missionary Societies.—W. H. Barber read the report of the Committee on Missionery Societies, and it was adopted.

Charles A. Ratcliffe.—J. B. Lapham presented a request from C. A. Ratcliffe for permission to withdraw, that he may unite with the Congregational Church. On motion of G. D. Lindsay the request was granted and he was requested to restore his parchments.

J. R. Remick was granted a Supernumerary relation.

Conference Claimants.—Bishop Merrill, named as the commission called for by D. B. Holt's resolution to present a plan for the distribution of Conference Claimant money, D. B. Holt, I. Luce, G. F. Cobb, G. D. Lindsay, G. C. Andrews.

General Conference Reserves.—The following vote for reserve delegates was announced. Whole number of votes 78, D. B. Holt had 45, and E. S. Stackpole 37, and they were declared elected.

Closing.—The announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by C. Munger.

FIFTH DAY, Monday, a. m., April 13, 1896.

Opening.—C. E. Springer led the morning devotions.

Journal.—The Journal of Saturday's session was read, corrected, and approved.

Certificate of Ordination.—The following certificate of ordination was presented by the Bishop. This certifies that on Sunday April 12, 1896, at Auburn, Maine, I ordained Herbert L. Williams, John B. Howard, and William Cashmore, to the office of Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church; and also that at the same time and place, assisted by Elders present, I ordained Henry A. Peare, Charles A. Brooks, and Thomas N. Kewley to the office of Elder.

(Signed) S. M. MERRILL.

Question Four was called.—Who have been received on trial? Sewell E. Leech was recommended by the North Augusta Q. C. Thomas P. Barker by Mechanic Falls Q. C., Henry E. Dunnack by Brunswick Q. C., and Trelawney C. Chapman by West Scarboro Q. C. On the report of the committee on examination and the committee on admission to Conference, and the representations of the presiding-elders, they were admitted on trial.

Question Thirty was called. Where shall the next Conference be held? Geo. D. Lindsay presented a unanimous invitation from the Quarterly Conference of Congress St. Church, Portland; and it was unanimously accepted.

Resolution.—The following resolution presented by E. O. Thayer was adopted;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference that vouchers for supplies should not be counted as vouchers for cash in reports of collections for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Protection of American Institutions.—On motion of D. Pratt the report of last year on this topic was adopted.

Methodist Literature.—The report on Methodist Literature read by E. O. Thayer was adopted.

Steward's Report.—D. B. Holt presented the report of the Stewards and it was adopted. The monies were distributed in open Conference.

On motion of D. B. Holt the balance in the hands of the Stewards was ordered paid to the treasurer of the Preacher's Aid Society as an emergency fund.

Visitors.—Rev C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education was introduced and addressed the Conference.

State of the Church.—C. W. Gallagher presented the report on the State of the Church and it was adopted.

Conference Relations.—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, J. A. Strout was continued in the Supernumerary relation.

Marriage and Divorce.—H. E. Frohock read the report on this topic and it was adopted.

Church Extension.—F. C. Potter read the report on Church Extension. and it was adopted.

Sunday School and Tracts.—The report on this topic was presented by W. F. Marshall. On motion of D. B. Randall the words "pro rata "were stricken out and the report was adopted.

Education.—J. H. Roberts read the report on Education, C. W. Gallagher spoke of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, and the report was adopted.

Wesleyan University Trustee.—On motion of J. R. Clifford the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Conference for C. W. Gallagher as trustee of Wesleyan University for three years. The Secretary cast a vote for C. W. Gallagher and he was declared elected.

Resolution.—W. F. Holmes offered a resolution bearing on a recent action of the Trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary. A substitute was presented by J. A. Corey.

During the discussion the time was extended on motion of the Secretary, and a motion to adjourn made by J. B. Lapham was lost.

E. S. Stackpole moved the previous question and it was ordered. The substitute was accepted and adopted.

Afternoon Session.—Voted that we adjourn to meet at four o' clock this afternoon.

The Doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. H. Payne.

FIFTH DAY, Monday, April 13, 1896.

Opening.—Conference convened at four o'clock p. m. E. T. Adams conducted the opening devotional service.

Journal.—The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

D. B. Randall was granted leave of absence.

Fraternal Relations.—G. D. Holmes nominated fraternal delegates and they were elected.

Temperance.—C. C. Phelan read the report on Temperance and it was adopted.

Church Aid.—The report on Church Aid read by I. Luce was adopted.

Bible Cause.—B. C. Wentworh read the report on the Bible Cause and it was adopted.

Freedmen's Aid.—J. Nixon read the report on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, which was adopted.

Observance of the Sabbath.—The report on the observance of the Sabbath was read by F. C. Rogers. A clause relating to Sabbath recreations was stricken out on motion of C. Munger, and the report was adopted.

Epworth Leagues.—The report on Epworth Leagues read by C. F. Parsons was adopted.

Benevolences.—B. F. Fickett read the report on Benevolences. On motion of W. S. Jones the item relating to General Conference expenses was stricken out, and the report was adopted.

Finance.—O. H. Pillsbury reported that a collection of $25 was needed, the report was adopted, and the collection taken.

Conference Trustees.—The report of the treasurer of the Conference and Trustees was read and ordered printed.

Auditors.—C. Purinton reported that all accounts had been examined and found correct.

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary reported totals, the report was accepted and ordered printed.

Conference Treasurer.—The report of the Conference Treasurer was read and received.

Maine Conference Missionary.—The report of the Treasurer of this Society was read and received.

Lambert Fund —On motioh of J. B. Lapham the proceeds of the Lambert Fund were ordered divided equally among the Districts.

F. W. Sadler.—On motion of J. A. Corey the Bishop was requested to leave F. W. Sadler without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

Boards.—The Bishop presented and the Conference confirmed the nominations for the Board of Church Extension, Boards of Church Location, Triers of Appeals, the Preacher of the Missionary Sermon, and the Examining Committees.

Missionary Appropriations.—The report of appropriations of Missionary money to charges aided was read by G. R. Palmer and adopted.

Episcopal Fund.—The Presiding Elders were directed to apportion to the charges, $943 for the support of the Bishops.

Interdenominational Commission.—On motion of E. S. Stackpole, E. T. Adams was re-elected a member of the Interdenominational Commission of Maine for two years.

Sectarian Schools.—A resolution on aid to sectarian schools offered by G. D. Lindsay was adopted.

Resolutions. W. Wood presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions and it was adopted.

Railroad Agent.—I. Luce was, on motion of G. R. Palmer, re-elected Railroad Agent.

Journal.—The Journal was read and approved.

Adjournment.—It was voted that after devotional exercises and the reading of the Appointments the Conference stand adjourned without date.

Closing.—Bishop Merrill spoke briefly in reference to the making of appointments; the appointments were read, the Doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Merrill, and Conference adjourned without date.

(Signed.) S. M. MERRILL, *President.*
WILBUR F. BERRY, *Secretary.*

Secretary's Certificate.—This is to certify that this volume is a correct and complete Record of the proceedings of the Maine Annual Conference for the years 1893–1896, and that it was adopted by the Conference as its Official Record.

WILBUR F. BERRY. *Secretary.*

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Reunion Prayer Meeting.—Geo. D. Lindsay was the leader of the reunion prayer meeting held Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Women's Home Missionary Society.—The anniversary of this Society was held at two o'clock Wednesday, Mrs. C. W. Gallagher presiding. Miss Alice M. Douglass, Conference Secretary, Mrs. I. Luce, Treasurer, presented their reports. Miss Carrie E. Miller sang two solos; and Mrs. O. L. Mansfield of Worcester, Mass., delivered the address.

Lecture.—At four o'clock Wednesday p. m. Prof. H. G. Mitchell delivered a lecture on Isaiah, the prophet.

Church Extension.—The Church Extension anniversary occurred at 7.30 Wednesday evening. F. C. Potter presided, the High Street Male Quartette sang two selections, and Rev. Manley S. Hard, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of this Society, delivered the address.

Missionary Anniversary.—The Missionary anniversary was held at two o'clock Thursday p.m., E. T. Adams, presiding. S. Hooper, Conference Treasurer, reported the amount of our Missionary collection. Rev. A. B. Leonard, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Society, gave the address.

Lecture.—At four o'clock p. m. Thursday Prof. H. G. Mitchell gave his second lecture, subject, "A Reckoning with Higher Criticism."

Temperance.—At 7.30 Thursday a grand temperance rally was held. C. C. Phelan presided, and Dr. A. B. Leonard gave a most telling address on the Rum Power and its Defences.

Epworth League.—At the anniversary of the Epworth League Friday evening at 7.30 Rev. R. E. Bisbee of Newburyport, Mass. gave an illustrated lecture, subject, The Soul as Architect and Sculptor. Music was furnished by the High Street Quartette.

Educational.—The Educational anniversary was held at two o'clock Saturday, p. m., J. H. Roberts presiding. Rev. C. W. Gallagher gave the address.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society.—The anniversary of this Society was held at four o'clock Saturday p. m., Mrs R. H. Turner presiding. Miss Mabel C. Hartford of the West China Mission was the speaker.

Domestic Missions.—Saturday evening the anniversary of the Domestic Missionary Society was held. H. Hewitt presided and addresses were made by B. C. Wentworth, E. T. Adams, H. E. Frohock, and W. S. Jones. The singing was led by C. A. Southard.

Snnday Services.—The Love Feast held at 9 o,clock a. m. was led by J. A. Corey. At 10.30 Bishop Merrill preached a strong sermon from the text, I Cor., 3--9. At 2.30 p. m. occurred the ordination of Deacons and Elders. Dr. Charles H. Payne was the preacher in the evening.

APPOINTMENTS.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT, J. B. LAPHAM, *Presiding Elder*, 6
(P. O., Kent's Hill.)

Augusta,		C. S. Cummings,	4
Bingham and Mayfield,	Supplied by	Joseph Moulton,	2
East Livermore and Fayette,	Supplied by	B. V. Davis,	2
East Readfield,		To be supplied.	
East Wilton,		H. A. Clifford,	2
Fairfield and Fairfield Centre,		O. S. Pillsbury,	2
Farmington,		W. B. Dukeshire,	2
Gardiner,		E. O. Thayer,	3
Hallowell,		C. F. Parsons,	4
Industry and Starks,	Supplied by	A. S. Staples,	2
Kent's Hill and Readfield Corner,		H. E. Frohock,	1
Kingfield, Salem and Eustis,		To be supplied.	
Leeds and Green,	Supplied by	F. H. Billington,	1
Livermore and Hartford,		C. A. Brooks,	5
Livermore Falls,		C. A. Southard,	3
Madison,	Supplied by	F. C. Norcross,	3
Monmouth,		M. E. King,	1
Mt. Vernon and Vienna,		E. Gerry,	6
New Sharon, Farmington Falls and Mercer,	Supplied by	L. I. Holway,	2
North Anson and Embden,	Supplied by	C. A. Laughton,	1
North Angusta,		S. E. Leech,	2
Oakland and Sidney,		C. Purinton,	1
Phillips,	Supplied by	W. A. Nottage,	4
Richmond,		J. Nixon,	2
Skowhegan,		B. C. Wentworth,	2
Solon and South Solon,		W. T. Chapman,	1
Strong and Freeman,		T. K. Kewley,	1
Temple,		To be supplied.	
Waterville,		W. F. Berry,	5
Wayne and North Leeds,		D. R. Ford,	1
Weld,		To be supplied.	
Wilton and North Jay,		B. F. Fickett,	2
Winthrop,		S. Hooper,	3

C. W. Gallagher, President of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College.

LEWISTON DISTRICT, J. A. COREY, *Presiding Elder*, 4
(P. O., Auburn.)

Andover,		W. H. Varney,	3
Auburn,		E. S. Stackpole,	3
Baldwin and Hiram,	Supplied by	R. S. Leard,	2
Bath—Beacon Street,		D. E. Miller,	1
Bath—Wesley Church,		J. L. Hoyle,	2
Berlin, N. H.,		F. C. Potter,	2
Bethel and Mason,		A. Hamilton,	2
Bowdoinham,		C. E. Springer,	3
Bridgton and Denmark,		D. B. Holt,	1
Brunswick,		W. F. Holmes,	2
Buckfield,		R. A. Rich,	1
Chebeague,		A. C. Trafton,	3
Conway, N. H.,		J. H. Trask,	3
Cumberland and Falmouth,	Supplied by	M. B. Greenhalgh,	2
East North Yarmouth,	Supplied by	M. K. Mabry,	2
Empire and Minot,		H. E. Dunnack,	1
Fryeburg and Stow,	Supplied by	G. W. Barber,	2
Gorham, N. H.,		G. I. Lowe,	2
Harpswell and Orr's Island,	Supplied by	C. M. Abbott,	2
Lewiston,		E. T. Adams,	3
Lisbon and Lisbon Falls,		G. D. Holmes,	3
Locke's Mills,		J. H. Bounds,	1
Long Island,		W. H. Gowell,	3
Mechanic Falls,		T. P. Baker,	2
Naples,		H. A. Peare,	2
North Auburn and Turner,	Supplied by	C. H. Young,	1
North Conway and Bartlett, N. H,		C. E. Jones,	1
Norway,		W. B. Eldridge,	1
North Norway,		To be supplied,	
Oxford and Welchville,		J. B. Howard,	2
Rumford,	Supplied by	W. H. Congdon,	2
Rumford Falls,	Supplied by	G. B. Hannaford,	2
South Auburn,	Supplied by	A. W. Waterhouse,	1
South Paris,		I. A. Bean,	1
South Waterford and Sweden,	Supplied by	W. Bragg,	1
West Bath Circuit,		To be supplied,	
West Cumberland,	Supplied by	W. C. Wentworth,	1
West Durham and Pownal,	Supplied by	A. F. Hinkley,	2
West Paris,		A. K. Bryant,	4
Yarmouthville,		R. Lawton,	1

H. C. Sheldon, Professor in Boston University School of Theology, Member of Brunswick Quarterly Conference.

F. W. Sadler left without a charge to attend to one of our schools.

J. R. LIBBY.

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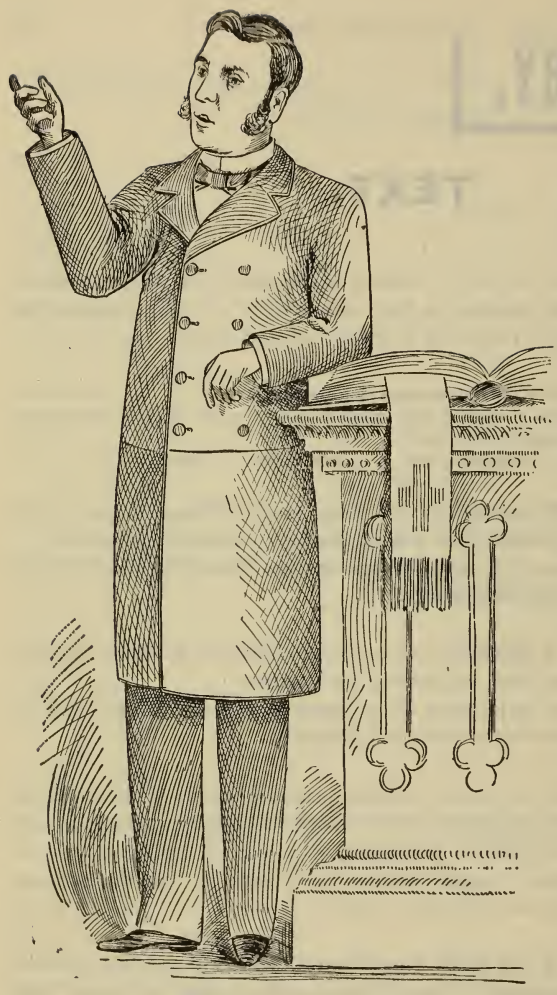

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Providence, Mar. 10, 1896.

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R. S. MOORE,

North Easton, Mass., Mar. 11, 1896. Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church.

S. D. WASHBURN, Methodist Clothier, No. Easton, Mass.

PORTLAND DISTRICT, G. R. PALMER, *Presiding Elder*, 6,

(P. O., Saco.)

Alfred,		W. S. Jones,	1
Berwick,		W. P. Merrill,	2
Biddeford,		H. L. Williams,	1
Bowery Beach,		J. A. Ford,	1
Buxton and South Standish,		W. Cashmore	2
Cornish,		G. F. Millward,	1
Eliot,		E. W. Kennison,	2
Goodwin's Mills		W. H. Barber	4
Gorham, North Street,		W. F. Marshall,	2
Gorham, School Street,		E. C. Strout,	5
Hollis Centre,		To be supplied,	
Kennebunk and Saco Road,		W. P. Lord,	3
Kennebunkport and Cape Porpoise,		H. L. Nichols,	2
Kezar Falls,		F. Grovenor,	1
Kittery, Second Church,		D. F. Faulkner,	2
Knightville,		L. H. Bean,	3
Newfield Circuit,		To be supplied,	
Ogunquit and Maryland Ridge		A. Crain,	2
Old Orchard and Saco Ferry,		W. Canham,	5
Pleasantdale,		J. H. Roberts,	1
Portland, Chestnut Street,		C. W. Parsons,	2
		I. Luce,	1
" Congress Street,		G. D. Lindsay,	5
" Pine Street,		F. C. Rogers,	3
" Peak's Island,		F. W. Smith,	4
" West End,		F. A. Leitch,	2
Saco,		A. A. Lewis,	4
Sanford,		T. Whiteside,	1
South Berwick,		H. Hewitt,	2
So. Biddeford, the Pool and Oak Ridge,	Supplied by	L. M. Lounsbury,	2
So. Eliot and Kittery, First Church,		D. Pratt,	5
South Portland,		W. Wood,	2
Westbrook,		C. C. Phelan,	3
West Kennebunk,	Supplied by	J. T. McBride,	1
West Scarboro,		T. C. Chapman,	2
Woodfords and East Deering,		J. R. Clifford,	2
York,		James Wright,	3

Reports of the Presiding Elders.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

In presenting this, my fifth annual report to the Maine Conference, as presiding elder of the Augusta District, it is fiitting that the good hand of our God upon us be recognized. He has enabled me to pursue my work with scarcely an interruption occasioned by sickness, storms, or flood. I believe every appointment but one has been met and that was at a place and time such as rendered communication impossible, save by telephone, for days.

On the whole the year has been one of clear skies and fruitful fields. The drought, so severe in many states, scarcely reached us. It has been a time of healthfulness. Epidemics and diseases so prevalent some years have made less ravages this. Death has entered none of our parsonages, and there have been but few cases of sickness in our preachers' families.

Financially times are hard. Business depression is the most severe known for years, if, indeed, ever in the history of the state. The lumbering interest which is most important in the Northern part of the District has been paralyzed by lack of snow. Trade of all kinds is practically at a standstill. Insolvency to some has followed, and is staring others in the face. Nevertheless the Stewards in the churches have been struggling with the situation, in most cases with a zeal that insures success. The preachers' salaries havs generally been paid. The churches that have had a fixed principle to pay their bills in the past will do so now. Indeed the lines between paid and unpaid salaries do not at all coincide with the lines drawn between places experiencing the hardest times and those feeling it the least.

The benevolences generally, we have reason to believe, have been carefully lookcd after, and while discouragements have been great, I trust the statistics will show little, if any faliing off from last year. Hallowell reports all apportionments met and some more. Waterville reports eight apportionments met and North Augusta, seven. Few but that meet some of their appportionments in full.

In the bounds of the Augusla District, there are 32 circuits and stations. To 18 of these members of this Conference were appointed. Eleven have been regularly supplied by local preachers. One has been left without a supply, and two supplied part of the time. Brother H. A. Clifford took a supernumerary relation at our last Conference for the purpose of travel and study. After spending the Summer abroad he returned in October and has supplied the rest of the year at East Wilton, where the Methodists, Free-Baptists, and others unite under his pastoral care.

There are 43 Sunday Schools on the District with 3,645 members and 2,279 regular attendants. All but a few of the schools have the lesson leaves and quarterlies of our publication.

We have 18 Epworth Leagues and 2 Christian Endeavor Societies, one of which is in union with the Society of another denomination, and a Young People's Christian Association, which is also a union with that of another church. These have a membership of 981. Some of the Leagues are flourishing, and working all their departments, while others are doing but little. It was thought best, for certain reasons, not to have a meeting of our District League the past year. We fear there may be more apathy on that account. An enthusiastic District League inspires enthusiasm in church Leagues. There are 16 Junior Leagues, and one Catechism Society numbering in all 520 members. We hope this department of church work will have increased attention given it. Its importance can scarcely be estimated.

Four Camp-Meetings, as usual, have been held on the District. The one at Richmond was presided over by Rev. S. T. Johnson. The one at North Anson by Rev .B. C. Wentworth and those at Strong and East Livermore by myself, All were very spiritual and profitable. A goodly number were converted at each. and the churches were strengthened and fitted for home work.

There has been expended on the District for improving church property $8,107.00. The church at Fairfield, at the beginning of the conference year, sold their old parsonage, and purchased a new one in a desirable locality, convenient and pleasant, in every way adapted for a preacher's home. The old one was sold for $750 and the new one purchased for $1,650, most of wdich has been paid. The rest will be paid as soon as the mortgage, with which it was encumbered when purchased, matures.

Gardiner has expended $2,500 in refitting the church. The entire plastering has been covered with steel ceiling. The woodwork within has been tastefully painted, a new and enlarged pulpit platform built, with commodious altar. New carpets and cushions furnish the entire house. A chandelier for both gas aud eletcricity has been purchased, together with side lights. Cathedral glass windows now light the house, and a beautiful memorial window adorns the front. What is very important, the steeple, which has been an object of fear and surely of trembling for years, haa been made firm by placing iron pillars beneath, extending below the vestry floor and resting on granite boulders. A contract for painting the outside of the church has been made and the work will be completed this Spring-

The church at Livermore Centre has been shingled. Horse-sheds built at Hartford, and the entire parsonage debt of $207 at Brettun's has been paid.

Improvements, additional to last year have been made on the Church property at Livermore Falls by painting all the buildings, laying plank walks, building of fence and readjustment of grounds.

At Skowhegan a new furnace of the latest improvements has been put into the parsonage and a debt of $350 has been paid.

Waterville has paid $600 on the parsonage debt, and some repairs have been made.

The church at Wayne has been frescoed, and painted within and without, and an altar rail has been set. The roof has been covered with steel roofing and other improvements made. On the North side of the church, and connected with t, Brother and Sister Peleg Pike have built and furnished a beautiful vestry, and ipresented it to the church. All costing over $1,000.

Very beautiful and convenient vestries have been built on the rear of the church at Wilton. A new furnace has been put into the church with ample heating capacity. The entire cost was from $700 to $800.

The church at Quaker Ridge in Leeds, by aid of Bro. Harry Cochrane, has been wonderfully transformed by frescoing the ceiling and walls, painting the woodwork within and without, building a new chimney, cutting down the pulpit platform and changing the singers' seats from the rear of the church to the side of the pulpit. Several other churches have made some improvements on property.

There are 614 probationers reported on the District, most of whom have been received during the year. Bro. C. A. Brooks on Livermore and Hartford circuit has seen 250 converted with scarcely any help from Evangelists during his pastorate there of about four years; 64 of them have been converted during the this year and 42 received on probation. A new class, entirely of converts, has been formed at North Turner. There are five enthusiastic classes beside .

Revival work has continued through the year at Madison with very little outside help. Bro. F. C. Norcross reports 60 conversions. There is but one class in the village which often has an attendance from 80 to over 100, and can be convened only in the audience room; 25 have been received on probation.

In the early winter Mr. Gale labored in revival services in Augusta, all the evangelical churches uniting. A goodly number were converted. Since that time the revival has continued in our church, and Bro. C. S. Cummings reports 70 conversions in all, and 63 on probation,

In the last of January, Mr. Gale labored in Waterville, in union services, and many professed conversion. Bro. W. F. Berry reports as fruits of this revival coming to our church, together with others who have started during the year, 100 conversions. Received on probation, 50.

In Bingham, and the outlying towns, there have been 20 conversions. In the early part of the conference year, Bros. Moulton and Ford held a series of meetings in Mayfield and a number started in a Christian life. In the Autumn a class was formed there which was the first religious organization ever in the town. Since then, two Sunday Schools have been organized, and Bro. Moulton reports that every child in the town attends, and every family save one is represented at preaching service.

In Fairfield 70 have been converted and 66 joined on probation. Bro. Pillsbury has established preaching services regularly at the Old Church at the Centre and formed a class there of over 30 members.

Bro. B. F. Fickett assisted by Rev. Mr. Bickford held revival services in Wilton and reports 60 conversions for the year and 21 on probation.

At Skowhegan 25 have been converted. Bro. Wentworth was assisted by Mrs. McIntyre, an evangelist, in a good work of grace.

At North Augusta, North Fayette, Richmond and Phillips the pastors report 16 conversions each, 13 at Starks; 12 at Kent's Hill, Livermore Falls, Oakland, and Solon; 10 at Mt. Vernon, Wayne and Winthrop. Indeed, every pastor has reported conversions during the year.

The only one who has died the past year on the District, having any connection with our Conference, is Mrs. Emma E. Young, widow of Rev. John Young of precious memory. She passed over the River the 12th of June, in Augusta, in the 96th year of her age. She had labored with her husband over 50 years in the pastoral work. Her life was a beautiful Christian life and her end was peace. An appropriate memoir will be read at the memorial service.

The Maine Weslevan Seminary and Female College has one of the best locations in the state for a school of its kind. The buildings are substantial, well adapted for their use, and attractive in appearance. They are valued, in connection with the grounds at $130,000. The school has a productive endowment of $100,000, whole endowment $115,000. There is an indebtedness of $18,000, that the trustees are hoping soon to liquidate. The facilities are such that the buildings can be lighted with electricity at a small expense, and probably this will soon be done. The water supply has been greatly increased during the year and is now sufficient for the dryest time. The new Library Rooms in Ricker Hall contain 7,000 volumes and are made accessible to the students as their work and opportunities demand. The school is well manned by an able corps of teachers with Dr. C. W. Gallagher at the head, who is enthusiastic for improvements such as will keep the Seminary at the front of the preparatory schools of our church. The Spring term opened the 17th of March with an increased number of students. About 30 will graduate at Commencement. 10 in the College Preparatory Course.

Miss. Davis, the Preceptress, is spending the year in France and Germany, enjoying the best facilities for perfecting herself in the department of Modern Languages.

The coming Commencement will be the 75th anniversary of the school and will be celebrated with fitting services. A large number of the Alumni will be expected to be present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LAPHAM.

LEWISTON DISTRICT.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Only eleven months have passed since Bishop Bowman read out the appointments for 1895–'96, and we are called to report the progress and achievements of a brief, busy year. The District comprises thirty-nine pastoral charges and includes sixty-four churches, only fourteen charges being stations with but one preaching place. Twenty-one members of Conference, five probationers and thirteen local preachers have faithfully sowed the seed and harvested the grain in these wide fields. W. Bath, S. Auburn, Denmark and W. Bethel have had regular preaching a part of the year only. North Baldwin, Mason, Harpswell, Orr's Island, Newry, Greenwood and N. Paris have had preaching services on alternate Sabbaths. No preacher preaches twice a day to the same audience.

There have been few breaks in our ranks. J. R. Remick found it impossible, or at least impracticable, on account of insufficient support, to continue at S. Auburn. For several months he has supplied for a Baptist church in Milo. Sherman T. Westhafer, after two and one-half years efficient service at Wesley Church, Bath, was transferred to Holston Conference and stationed at Chattanooga, Tenn. J. R. Hoyle has rendered acceptable service at Wesley Church since Bro. Westhafer's departure.

With profound gratitude we record the fact that no charge has been vacated by sickness or dearh. G. W. Barber, who took a superannuate relation a year ago, on aceount of failing health, so far recovered as to do good service as a supply at Fryeburg and Stow for ten months of the year. F. C. Potter has found it necessary to take a month's vacation, on account of overwork, but expects to resume full work at once. In the month of June, Sarah, wife of Geo. C. Andrews, entered into rest. Sarah P., wife of Augustus P. Sanborn of Hiram, died last month. Bro. and Sister Sanborn had recently celebrated their golden wedding. He sits in total darkness waiting for the summons into light. C. M. Abbott has been afflicted in the death of his son, a young man of great promise. The swollen river, flowing between Lewiston and Auburn, witnessed the tragic death of Wm. Allen, March 21st, Chief Engineer of the Maine Central Railroad, and a son of Charles F. Allen, D. D., of this Conference. May the Great Healer comfort the afflicted.

Some excellent spiritual results have been secured. Chebeague has been the scene of a remarkable and continuous revival, in which above one hundred persons have been converted and thirty reclaimed. A hundred members have been added to the class; thirty-two have been baptized; many more await baptism by immersion. Half of the converts are heads of families. Eleven are over fifty years of age. Pastor Trafton is seeing his happiest days to date.

Aubnrn has witnessed a good work which will add two-score members to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Yarmouthville is no longer an experiment. The membership has doubled; the financial ability increased to such an exteat that a married man is desired as pastor for the ensuing year. This growing church is founded upon an old-fashioned class meeting, which returns the following unique report: "Number of members habitually absent—*None*." Lewiston, Norway, S. Paris, N. Paris, Baldwin, E. N. Yarmouth, Welchville and Harpswell have rejoiced over harvest sheaves. Work has been established at S. Gray and several persons have been converted. C. H. Young, a local preacher from S. Paris, conducted extra meetings at W. Bath in November, which resulted in the conversion of thirteen persons. Other churches, unmentioned here, have been refreshed by the manifest presence of God.

The camp meeting at Empire Grove, in August, was a season of spiritual enjoyment and profit. The preaching, mostly by home talent, was eminently evangelical and spiritual. The attendance, however, was, on the whole, smaller than usual, on account of stormy days and multiplied attractions elsewhere. Methodists beyond the borders of Lewiston District who may, in the near future, find themselves without a district camp meeting, are cordially invited to camp and worship at Empire Grove. The District reports twenty-five Epworth Leagues, with an aggregate membership of one thousand one hundred and sixty-two, and ten Junior Leagues, with a membership of two hundred and twenty-nine. The majority of these leagues are doing good work, in one or two departments at least. A few exist only as a reminiscence, or as an added item in a quarterly report. The Junior Leagues fulfill the disciplinary requirement concerning a religious class for children. The junior work admits of almost unlimited development and untold results in the lives of the children of the church. Nearly every church has its organized Sunday School, continuing throughout the entire year. In several localities the State Sunday-School Association has made itself felt helpfully, especially through the efforts of the field secretary, Rev. T. F. Millett. We suggest the inquiry whether the members of this Conference and the Superintendents of our schools have as large an interest and place as they ought in the excellent work of our State Association. It has been suggested by a Methodist layman, prominent in Sunday-School work, that we publish in our Conference Minutes the names and addresses of our Sunday-School Superintendents, thereby giving due recognition of their responsible and imortant office, and putting them in closer touch with the great army of Sunday-School workers. The request seems to be a most reasonable one.

I know of no school upon the District which maintains a regular teachers meetiug. With two or three exceptions, all our schools have the lesson helps published by our Book Concern.

Financially the year has been one of great stringency, aggravated somewhat, perhaps by the fact that Episcopal plans for annual Conference sessions give eleven months instead of twelve for the current ecclesiastical cycle.

Pastor's estimates have not been reduced. Much loyal and self-sacrificing effort has been put forth to meet all ministerial claims. In a few instances the

receipts may not eqaul the estimate. Depleted rural population and lack of systematic methods in finance may be as important factors as hard times in the explanation of deficits.

While caring for home interests the churches have not forgotten the needs of our great denominational benevolences. The statistical tables will show the complete returns. Several charges will doubtless reach Class 1st, as contribu'ors to Missions. Nearly every Sunday-School is a missionary organization, in so far, at least, as the making of a monthly offering for missions. The lack here is, that too little is done to educate the scholars concerning missions. It is to be feared that the multiplied criticisms of missions and missionary methods, widely disseminated of late by secular and religious papers, has chilled the enthusiasm of many and diminished their contrbutions. The great army of God has need to read anew its marching orders, and press forward to yet greater conquests. Need there may be for changed methods and new adaptations, but the battle-cry must still be "The World for Jesus Christ."

No new church building enterprise has been undertaken this year. Two edifices have been completed and dedicated. Under the leadership of G. B. Hannaford, Rumford Falls furnished its beautiful edifice last Summer; adding pews and pulpit furniture at a cost of $400, a bell costing $250, electrolier organ, hymnal, etc. The debt of $1,660 at the beginning of the year, has been reduced to $1,455-47. A total of $1,134.96 has been raised during the year and applied upon church property. The new house was dedicated to Almighty God with appropriate cer emonies, Sept 6th. G. D. Lindsay and E. T. Adams preaching appropriate sermons. So rapid is the growth of this enterprising town, and so large have become our congregations, that the trnstees already contemplate the speedy extinction of the debt and the enlargement of the Church edifice. The organization of a Baptist Society already effected, and the erection of a Baptist Church in the near future, may render immediate enlargement unnecessary. Rumford Falls Methodist-Episcopal church takes its place in the enlarging circle of churches, an honor to the denomination whose name she bears. In behalf of our members at Rumford Falls, I hereby express to the Conference and the churches hearty thanks for assistance rendered.

The 2d. of October saw the dedication of our church at Berlin, N. H. The sermon was by the presiding elder. This edifice complete cost $5,000. $1,200 has been received and applied during the year: including a gift of $500 from the Church Extension Society, and $300 from the church and Society of this Conference. $200 must be raised by July 1st. in order to reduce the debt to $875 and put the church upon a safe financial basis. Congregations have increased 30 per cent during the year. The outlook of the society is hopeful; its opportunity large.

West Baldwin has expended $165 in repairing the church edifice and adorning the auditorium, all bills paid. The reopening of the edifice, Jan. 26th and 27th was celebrated as the 40th anniversary of the dedication: Rev. J. M. Woodbury, who participated in the first dedication, taking the most prominent part in the anniversary services. Norway has added a new furnace, electric lights, new shingles

and fresh paint to her edifice, at an expense of $300 which is provided for Bartlett, N. H. expended nearly $300 on church and parsonage property. Buckfield church boasts a new vestry, or Epworth Parlor, nearly completed. West Durham has a beautiful interior in place of dingy walls. Greenwood has provided shelter for church-going horses, in the shape of a dozen sheds, less one, costing $100.

Our Society at Yarmouthville worships in a hitherto disused Universalist Chapel the roof of which has been shingled at a cost of $80, in return for a three years lease of the building. If the Society continues to double its membership and financial strength during the three years as it has in the last year, look out for a new church at Yarmouthville.

The church building enterprise at West Bethel has not developed, chiefly because we lack a Methodist constituency. First, a coustituency; secondly, a revival, and thirdly, a church edifice is, generally speakiug, a good rule for a church building enterprise. In exceptional instances it may be safe and wise to reverse the order; but the exception proves the rule.

Lewiston Methodism made one by "Episcopal authority," has achieved some good degree of success under circumstances somewhat disadvantageous. Congregations have been large; the Sunday-School and the Epworth League have been harmonious and prosperous. The largest possible measure of success has not been realized because of the determined opposition of some, who, although conceding the advisability of a united Methodism, have objected to the method by which union was effected, and the plan of service subsequently adopted by the reorganized quarterly Conferece. Whatever may be said concerning methods, times, and plan of services, upon the main question it would seem that there ought to be no dissenting voice. Lewiston Methodism ought to be one and inseparable. Given a united and harmonious Society, plus the moral and financial support of the entire Conference, and the Lewiston Methodist Episcopal Church will, in the next ten years, make a chapter in church history which will read well after the one entitled, "Auburn Methodism 1882 to 1892."

In conluding this report I would return thanks to God for uninterrupted health and strength; to the people and pastors for kind care and co-operation in God's work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALBERT COREY.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.

An annual conference brings us to the threshold of a new year, and according to revised chronology, the present session is upon the rim of e twenthtieth century where we hear its muffled beat, and upon a sunlit peak with flying clouds where we overlook the coming century with all its perils and its triumphs, but workers with God will be prepared for all the months may bring: "Knowing this, God rules the years and we are his."

The field consists of 36 appointments with 49 places for stated worship, with additional neighborhood services, and it has been manned by a body of competent and faithful men who have given almost undivided attention to the work of the ministry, and such are the pastors who build up the churches.

PERSONAL.

Sickness has made no break in pastoral service, but Dr. Parsons has had some tests in heroic suffering. Some of the pastors' wives have not been in firm health, and Mrs. Gibson is too frail for the further tasks of the itinerancy. Ernest A. Porter is among the early crowned. Spiritual and gifted, he won the hearts of the people. Alvah Cook came to life's close with patience remembering the scriptures and the old hymns of the church when earth's treasures were forgotten. Rev. Jesse Stone who had come to ripe round mellow years, senior member of the Conference, has passed to his reward: pastor and evangelist when our work was new, he set spiritual agencies in motion that gave religious type to whole towns and villages. William Allen, son of Dr C. F. Allen, while inspecting a bridge that connects this city with Lewiston, by accident suddenly passed from earthly view. Strong men were overcome by the tidings, and many hearts melted in tenderness. Bro Allen has several times been selected to express to others our brotherly interest, we now assure him of the fullness of our sympathy, but the Divine Comforter only can bring consolation to this sorrowing family. Alice Pottle and Alice Palmer, children of preachers and objects of tender affection waiting for awhile in hope, have been called to the higher life. We listen to the roll-call after the battle, and view with pathos the changing scenes, then with courage take up our tasks again: but well we may say with Wadsworth:

> But yet I know wher'er I go,
> That there hath passed away a glory from the earth.

SPIRITUAL WORK.

Happy are they who garner fruit, also blessed are they who scatter seed. Some of the churches are learning that a combination of self reliance and dependence upon God is an essential condition of religious prosperity. We are developing leadership among the young, and there are wanted more official members who are in love with the part of the discipline which says: "Let the stewards be men of solid piety," and this means more than orthodox religion. The church needs to take fast hold upon the solid centers of society through the spiritual power of her business men, and by the influence of her consecrated families, whose

members when abroad will seek the churches, and thus reduce the demand for trifling and startling speakers who have the reputation for shooting on the wing and fishing with a fly. The following places have had quite a number of accessions: Kittery, South Portland, Westbrook, Woodfords, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Chestnut, Congress, Pine Street, Gorham, Saco and West End, Portland.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

At Alfred $1,100, in addition to $200, raised last year, have been expended in improvements upon the church and vestries. Eight memorial windows of pretty design adorn the edifice which, with new alcove carpeting and painting, make the place of worship attractive. Much credit is due to the pastor and the contributors.

At Cornish the parsonage has been exchanged for a new and pleasant residence, Maryland Ridge Society has bought a parsonage, Eliot has made improvements upon their residence, Hollis has added $50 to its parsonage fund, making the sum of $450. Congress Street Church pays $300 per year on their parsonage, and the Ladies' Society pays the interest. Valuable improvements have been made during the present pastorate; further extensive repairs are anticipated and the conference is invited to enjoy them in 1897. Elm Street Church has added $200 to its fund for a new church, making $800. Sanford has paid its debt of about $500. York has raised $350. West End placed new furnishings in the preacher's residence, in part finished a large vestry under the audience room, and supplied a better organ for the church. South Eliot has built horse sheds and purchased an organ. South Berwick League purchased a piano. South Portland has secured pledges for its debt of $1,500. Kittery purchased a furnace and organ. Knightville had a debt that was a weight and a discouragement, and Mr. and Mrs. Pope paid the sum of $544, the entire amount of the debt with interest, and some improvements on the church; and set them free to the great delight of the people. Woodfords has made improvements costing $300. In the autumn Chestnut St. Church had its centennial jubilee which enriched heart and mind with a review of 100 years of God's favor. $3,000 were raised and an account of the exercises has been published in a neat volume.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS.

A State League meeting was held at Westbrook, and a District meeting at Gorham. The number of societies and members are as follows: Epworth Leagues 29, members 1643; Junior Leagues 21, members 744; Endeavor Societies 5, members 324; Junior Endeavor 2, members 101. Total societies 57, total members 2821. These societies are largely following the plan emphasized from the beginning, making all departments tributary to the spiritual, doing works of mercy to make way for Jesus, increasing acquaintances to lead men to Jesus, and reading more books to furnish the soul for Jesus. When more and more they press toward this mark of their high calling, then shall the land bud, blossom and wave with golden harvests rich as the garden of the Lord.

BENEVOLENCES.

A slice has been cut from both ends of the year. Finances are still below par, and sufficient unpropitious things have occurred to furnish a pessimist with material for an unfriendly criticism upon nature, but a holocaust of gratitude would be more acceptable to God. With the fidelity of preachers and committees we expect average success; but with the delays of storms and floods we await the statistics for reports. Our former collection for conference work whereby the strong could help the weak is merged with the missionary collection. The method has not only been vindicated, but the use of the money by the results. The theory that proposes to put $100 where it will return $1,000 in five or ten years is visionary for the older work of the east. For the sake of economy the few members of weak suburban churches might be encouraged to ride in cushioned cars with lightning motor to a metropolitan church for worship, but the children of their neighborhoods would be left in a state of semi-heathenism. New and growing towns should have special consideration, but appropriations to rural fields are not to bury the dead. The smaller churches are often most alive and furnish valuable preachers and workers for the greater Methodism. The West End Church with light resources and numbers, with a debt, city expenses and sharp competition, still needs the larger share; but the population is gradually increasing in its locality, and a fair percentage for the conference work from the offerings of the Portland churches would do much more than supply the amount.

The movement to secure a district parsonage resulted in adopting a plan to have the conference trustees hold the title of the property, and the district stewards of the three central churches of Portland, and the one at Woodfords have the care of it. Whatever changes might come to districts a residence secured at a good trade in or near Portland would be valuable, but to respond to the urgent calls for general work when the hard times made a strike the project was left in a state of suspended animation. $41 were collected which with the earnings making the sum of $44.53 are now in the Saco savings bank.

Our expression of gratitude springs afresh from the heart each succeeding year, awakened by every act of kindness that contributes to our work or rest or travel. Nay each host or hostess have the good fortune of one Simon, the tanner, who gained lasting renown by keeping a preacher over night.

"WANTED,"

Is a subject that opens too wide a domain for a report. The church needs what would secure essential good as expressed in the language of Dr. Storrs: "A true conception of the holiness of God as centered in perfect love, vitalized by an immortal, an unsearchable tenderness of affection; a holiness which by reason of the love that was in it was the joy of heaven and the inspiration of its praise, was the hope and gladness of the spiritual universe. So must the atonement of Christ which is necessary as the condition of the gift of the divine power work this transcendent, celestial, immortal effect." With such views of God our work with Him would be transfigured and become a luxury.

G. R. PALMER.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

As the people of God, we count it our privilege to hasten the spread of the Gospel in every land and in every tongue. "The world is my parish," is the motto stamped by the spirit upon our souls. What thrills of joy pass through us as we hear of marvellous victories for Christ. What glows of hope fill the heart when the broad avenues open for immediate advance are mentioned. We have been extending our lines. Heroic men have been pushing forward, planting the blood-stained banner of the cross on many a height. Notice has been served upon the Prince of Darkness that we are engaged in a determined and aggressive campaign to overthrow sin, and bring the world to the feet of our Master.

And yet we stand face to face with the facts that there are not sufficient soldiers at the front, and the supply of ammunition is far from adequate. In the endeavor to supply this lack, the Missionary Society has been plunged into debt. What are we to do? Must we retreat? The heroes who struggle on the frontier, redeeming the new lands for God, often hungry and cold because of the failure of crops, sound in our ears the cry, "Don't desert us now." The toilers amid the unamericanized foreigners and the congested wickedness of crowded cities appeal in behalf of country and humanity and God that we fail them not. The beckoning hand, the imploring word, call across the ocean's waves, "Come over and help us."

There is no need for the present situation to continue. Money enough can be spared from the pockets of our members to lift this burden of debt, and enable us to take advantage of hundreds of opportunities which must now be passed by. Thousands of earnest, consecrated Christians watch with anxious hearts the news from the front, and grieve over the loss which comes from the failure of their fellow Christians to help send forward the sinews of war. We believe that one of the chief causes of their delinquency is their lack of the knowledge of the facts; hence they do not realize their responsiblity. It rests upon those who possess the facts faithfully and wisely to impart them. A campaign in the rear, a campaign of education, is absolutely imperative to bring about increased activity and greater victories in the front.

Resolved, (1), That every pastor ought to keep himself in touch with the Missionary work by a regular reading of the Gospel in all Lands and such other Missionary publications as possible.

Resolved (2), That each pastor should preach earnest, awakening sermons on this great theme, and scatter freely the best Missionary literature.

Resolved (3), That we bid Godspeed to the work of the Woman's societies, and recommend that auxlliaries be established wherever practicable.

Resolved (4), That we request our Presiding Elders to be ready to preach Missionary sermons whenever such are desired by the pastors.

Resolved (5), That we recommend to each charge to make use of Easter as a rallying day for the Missionary cause.

Resolved (6), That we do not favor the separation of our home and foreign work to be administered by different boards.

W. H. BARBER,
W. T. CHAPMAN,
C. A. BROOKS,
} *Committee.*

PROTECTION OF AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS.

Among institutions that are American we may mention free public schools, the separation of churches and other religious institutions from State support, the freedom of religious opinion and activity, the right of the majority to rule in civil affairs, and an untrammeled ballot. Most of these blessings have come to us from years of strife and bloodshed in the cause of freedom. It is the duty of every Christian in America to defend these priceless treasures. As Christian ministers we desire to place ourselves on record as follows:

Resolved (1), That the public schools of America should be kept free from all sectarian instruction. We are opposed to the appropriation of money by the Legislature of Maine to any school not wholly under the control of the State. We believe that the laws should require that all schools, whether public or private, should inculcate the fundamental principles of the American Government.

Resolved (2), That we favor an amendment to the Constitution of Maine forbidding the Legislature to adopt any form of religion as the religion of the State, or to appropriate any of the funds of the State for the support of any institution of learning under the control of a religious body.

Resolved (3), That we view with alarm the increasing venality of a large class of voters, and think it time to sound the alarm concerning this evil.

Resolved (4), That we rejoice to note the spirit of reform in municipal affairs; and we believe that all good citizens should combine in the administration of the government of cities on business principles as opposed to the merely partisan purposes of local politicians.

Resolved (5), That we believe it is contrary to the spirit of the American Government to discriminate against any class of citizens in election or appointment to office simply on the ground of religious belief or church connection.

METHODIST LITERATURE.

The Methodist Book Concern publishes religious books, periodicals and tracts unsurpassed for variety and excellence. If these publications could be more generally circulated among our people they would exert an influence for intelligence and righteousness, second only to the pulpit.

The profits of this business help to support the conference veterans. This fact ought to be impressed upon our people emphatically and continually.

In olden times the itinerants were active agents for these publications. More systematic attention to this work by our preachers would result in lasting good in many ways. The attention of the people should be called to the catalogue of the Book Concern and to samples of the most helpful books. An individual or committee might be appointed by each pastor for this work.

Methodist lesson helps ought to be used exclusively by all of our Sunday Schools, for they are better than most others and as cheap as any worthy of use.

Pastors should exercise their disciplinary privilege of supervising the purchase of books for Sunday School libraries, and see that our own Book Concern is patronized.

Zion's Herald still claims our patronage, both for its excellence and our interest in its financial success. We are gratified to learn that the property in Boston, now worth half a million, has reduced its indebtedness to $140,000, and that the annual rental is $26,000. When this debt is paid every dollar of profits will go to the superannuated preachers of the New England conferences. In the eight years of Dr. Parkhurst's editorship nearly $24,000 have been so distributed.

The Christian Advocate and Methodist Review should be in the hands of every preacher and layman who desires to keep in touch with the life and work of our world-wide Methodism.

The Epworth Herald is an inspiration to our young people, and we are convinced that no chapter can do its best work whose members do not read this paper.

Your committee urge the importance of making a closer alliance between the pulpit and the press in the work of evangelizing the world.

E. O. THAYER,
E. C. STROUT,
W. P. MERRILL.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

There are pessimists in religion as well as in almost every other human interest. The last inquirer is not dead, who asks "why is it that former days were better than these?" Looking backward with many is the only relief from the evils of the present, or the hopelessness of the future. Religious devotion, enthusiasm and success are all with the fathers, who have long since been gathered to their rest.

With such sentiments it is impossible to sympathize. We gladly concede to the past the merits of heroism, fidelity, consecration and the glorious fruits of earnest toil, and hold the fathers in undying reverence, but we cannot fail to see that progress is the distinctive characteristic of these passing years. There is less heroic contention about doctrines, but it is because those vital to our common Christianity are settled. There is less interest in emphasizing denominational

differences, because we have learned more fully the mind of our divine Lord. We search the Scriptures with greater fearlessness and freedom, because we are able to distinguish more clearly the foundations of our faith and to strengthen and beautify the things that have been secured by centuries of experimental demonstrations.

This is certainly a remarkable age in the history of the Church. It is beyond contradiction that no such efforts on such a stupendous scale were ever made to convert the world to Christ. We have harnessed steam and electricity to the ark of the Lord, and are penetrating the uttermost corners of the earth. We are making abundant provisions for the evangelization of the masses that pour in upon us from other lands. We cherish revival work quite as much as ever, but we believe more than ever in a work of righteousness and grace that lasts the year around. It is no doubtful statement that the Church can show as illustrious examples of piety and could show as much heroic sacrifice whenever the time or circumstances demanded it, as the world has ever known. There is much to be done in making the Church all it should be, but it may be safely said that every year marks an advancement.

With all that is grand in the present age, however, we are compelled to recognize an unrest in matters especially connected with the authority, inerrancy and interpretation of the Scriptures. It is a subject which, as long as men think, must be more or less open to discussion. In modern times, until the present century, it has been the least disturbing element in the Church. Tradition and ecclesiastical authority allowed only slight liberty. The Reformation introduced the leaven of reason which is leavening the whole lump. We need not, however, fear. Other ages have bristled quite as much as this with interrogation marks, but the Church lived and grew stronger. Rationalism threatened to engulf the New Testament in Germany, in the early part of this century, and encouraged the most enthusiastic predictions of its entire overthrow, but in time, it raised up scholars who settled questions in the interest of the New Testament, and put its historical validity where no man today can assail it to its hurt. The Old Testament is going through the same process. Timid minds may fear, but whatever may be the outcome, Truth will prevail, and where it prevails, we shall have all that God has provided for us, and the glorious old book shall still shine forth, "majestic as the sun."

Questions of higher criticisms aside, it is noticeable with what emphasis the ethical truths of Christianity are proclaimed in the church of to-day. We believe in regeneration and sanctification as much as ever, but we believe in embodying the spirit of sanctification in the forms of the ethical virtues and graces of our divine Lord. It is not only Christ within us, but also Christ put on, the hope of our eternal glory. The practical, every-day life of Christ is declared to be the practical, every-day life of his disciples. If Christ can be exalted in this way, in the lives of the people of God, the written epistles that shall testify of him, will be read and acknowledged by all men.

One more feature in the church work of the present time is worthy of attention. We believe in a Heaven of eternal blessedness for God's dear children. It is a possibility to be preached, sung, sought and eternally enjoyed. We are learning more than ever, however, another truth, that it is the pleasure of God that this world shall be made a Heaven and the entire race redeemed at the earliest possible moment. The church is beginning to feel, as never before, that selfish individualism, whose only object is luxury and wealth, is practical Paganism, and to elevate the race in the improvement of its social conditions, to bring man to a kindlier relation with his fellow-man, is better than to amass the largest fortune. It adopts the spirit of that latest science of sociology, or rather proclaims the social ethics of Jesus for the relief, elevation and protection of the vicious, the friendless and the poor.

We have no fear, therefore, for the future of the Church. Her mission is a sacred one. True to Christ, she will accomplish grandly the work which her divine Lord inaugurated in the land of his nativity.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. GALLAGHER,
W. CANHAM,
A. C. TRAFTON.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

The Committee on Conference Relations make the following report on the case of the Rev. J. A. Strout, living in Lynn, Mass:

On examination of the case, having to depend almost entirely on the letter of Bro. Strout to the Conference, through the Rev. I. Luce, for our information, we recommend the coutinuance of his present relation as Supernumerary; yet, at the same time we deprecate the custom, which has been followed in his case as well as that of others, among the Superannuated, of continuing their relations, whether as Supernumerary or Superannuated, without any certificate of character from the Society or Quarterly Conference with which they are connected.

WM. S. JONES,
A. A. LEWIS,
E. W. KENNISON, } *Committee.*

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The frequency of divorce is alarming to him who regards the home and loving parentage as God ordained for the development of righteousness. The divine plan is the union in love of man and woman, who shall give each to the other virgin purity, to be kept each for the other only. To such a pair comes the divine command, "Be fruitful and multiply."

To the obedient to these conditions and precepts comes the sweet task of increasing, also, the population of heaven—God's plan, putting infancy into loving parental arms, to be early consecrated to Him by those parents in the truth of their hearts and in the public rite of baptism.

The great object of parentage is thus seen to be to bring forth and train up sons and daughters of God unto God. This is the most important object and should be the highest ambition in life. Thus can be manifested the most sublime altruism.

Any departure from this purpose in marriage results in mere unions of convenience, having various objects and incentives. Personal comfort in having a home; jealous passion, coveting personal charms, material greed and the dictates of fashion—these are the chief and unworthy motives toward marriage as a worldly institution.

These lower motives result in childless homes, or in the child's being regarded as an obstacle to personal pleasure and fashionable ambition. Hearts having such relation to each other are not joined together of God.

The shame is not that there are so many divorces in court, but that there are so few marriages of the kind that find record in heaven. Man-made laws can only govern the act and relations of men, not their motives. Laws relating to marriage, at the best, can only express what shall be the outward sanction, and must presume that the heart relation is all that it professes to be; yet there is the responsibility to God of the man who makes the law, to express in that law the Divine will.

The church cannot accept as satisfactory any Law of Divorce, which grants divorce for cause not recognized of God.

Law makers seem to forget, in multiplying causes for which divorce may be granted, that there may be more misery in both worlds, in a sinful separation, with its adulterous consequences, than in an unloving union continued; therefore,

Resolved, That we will teach everywhere:

1st—The purpose of God in giving the marriage relation.

2d—The only cause for divorce sanctioned by God; and

3d—That we will endeavor to secure national laws to this end.

H. E. FROHOCK.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

The record of this organization is that for thirty years it has been engaged in the great work of erecting Christian churches throughout the United States.

It has accomplished a great deal.

While its aim and purpose is to increase its resources and thereby become better able to improve the opportunities of the future, yet the Board need not feel ashamed of its past record, either of the men who have managed its affairs or of the work it has done.

The history of this Board shows that it has been a great blessing to the M. E. Church and to the country. It is now recognized as one of the foremost of our Benevolent Institutions.

The eyes of our people, who love to see the cause of the Master prosper and His truth spread abroad, behold, dotting here and there the valleys and hillsides of the East and the plains of the West, structures dedicated to the service of Almighty God, which would not have existed to-day had it not been for the Board of Church Extension, and the generosity of those who have contributed to its General and Loan funds, and we see plans consummated to the glory of God which could not have materialized without the aid of this Board.

Referring to statistics, we find that during the thirty years since the society was organized there have been received and disbursed nearly $5,500,000. About $961,000 of this is permanent capital for use as loans.

10,000 churches have been aided.

The contributions of our own Conference to the funds of this Board have been, since the beginning, $11,867.71.

What an effective agent this organization has become, under the direction of the Holy Ghost, in spreading the gospel by building churches from which it may be preached.

In view of the above facts your committee would suggest, (1st) that the preachers of our Conference better acquaint themselves with the work of the Board of Church Extension, in the past and its opportunities for usefulness in the future.

To this end we would refer them to the organ of the Board, Christianity in Earnest. Also to statistics furnished from other sources. Also that they get in touch with those churches which have received aid, which are within the bounds of our own Conference.

(2d) that, incited by these facts and information, they more fully represent this cause to their people and instruct them therein and make greater efforts to obtain large collections. The increasing of our offerings for this Board during the next year by 50 per cent is a "consummation devoutly to be wished."

Our own Conference has shared so fully in the blessings from this source that it can well afford to be liberal to this benevolence.

To aid in making a success of the presentation of this cause to our people, let the little sheet called Glad Tidings containing special exercises, be used in connection with the service at which the needs of the Board are presented.

May the knowledge of the past of this organization in our Church inspire our hearts to large efforts for the future, and may those efforts be multiplied until, as a result, the Board of Church Extension shall be able to respond to every worthy appeal for help and then shortly there shall be no valley or mountain, no plain or coast, where a church is needed, that it shall not be found, and the time shall speedily come when the galaxy of Church spires shall rival the galaxy of the stars of heaven.

FRANK C. POTTER,
GILBERT I. LOWE, } Committee.
A. HAMILTON,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

At a recent Sunday School Convention, the Statistical Secretary reported as follows: Number of Sunday Schools in the United States, 105,894. Officers and teachers 1,120, 433; scholars, 8,598,851. Total in Sunday Schools 9,719,284 The last census shows 18,000,000 young people in the United States of suitable age to attend Sunday School.

Compare the figures and you will see that not one-half of the children of the United States are in our Sunday Schools. These unreached millions of youth are scattered North and South in our land. The Methodist Church of to-day cannot afford to neglect the Sunday School while those needing instruction and help are standing at her doors. If the church is not prepared to do her duty on this line of church work, let her not complain of desecrated Sabbaths, violated laws, profanity, and infidelity. Now is the time to move, the spring-time when the seed should be sown; and in proportion to the labor, care, and quality of the seed dependeth the harvest. It is gratifying to know that something has been accomplished in the past. The past year has recorded some good results attending Sunday School work. The Sunday School Union reports for 1895, the number of conversions in the Sunday School, 132,697. May we not hope for still larger prosperity in the year to come.

TRACTS.

We are expected as true subjects of Christ's Kingdom to engage in this method of Christian work. We recommend the tract as an evangelizing instrumentality, (1) on account of its cheapness, costing only a trifle more than the cost of printing. (2) Its adaptation to almost every variety of need. (3) Its convenience and ease in circulation. (4) Its brevity, making a tract acceptable and causing it to be read when a book would be neglected. We wish to call attention to the aid of the Tract Society to missions by its liberal contribution of $6,000 to $7,000 each year or nearly one-third of its collections in aid of our mission presses and the circulation of books and periodicals in foreign lands.

This all shows the Tract Society as worthy of our prayers and support. Do we not in aiding the tract work, aid our Sunday School work as well? $250 for tracts, and the same amount for Sunday Schools has been apportioned to our Conference to be raised the coming year. We recommend, as your committee, that these sums be approved by the Conference, and apportioned by the Presding Elders among the charges. The amount of collections for 1895 was $123 for tracts, and $157 for Sunday Schools Let us hope for something better in the year to come; therefore;

Resolved, That as members of the Conference we will present the needs of the Tract Society and Sunday School Union and take the collection required.

Resolved (2), That we will secure at different times a fresh supply of tracts and scatter them as leaves from the "Tree of Life."

Resolved (3), That we will seek to enlist the interest and co-operation of the people of our charges in the Sunday School and Tract work with the view of winning the unsaved for Christ and the Church.

WM. F. MARSHALL,
INSLEY A. BEAN,
GEO. W. BARBER.

EDUCATION.

The Methodist Church stands for holiness of heart and righteousness of life, for divinity in humanity, for true manliness. While it emphasizes the necessity of salvation it has never forgotten the importance of education. Ignorance is a source of vice and fanaticism. The illiterate commit ten times their pro rata proportion of crime, and a child trained in a parochial school is four times as likely to become a felon, as one trained in our public schools. The investigation of the Commission of Education at Washington, D. C., proved that the productivity of the individual is increased fifty per cent by the common schools, one hundred by an academic education, and from two to three hundred by a college or a university course. The material prosperity of the country is measured by the elevation of man. The church and the school house must perpetuate American institutions, for only truth can make men free. Education is to fit for life, to develop ability, adaptability and reverence. The Bible, as it teaches our duty to God and man, is essential to education and should have a vital place in our school system. The stupidity of banishing it from the public schools ought to have been at once apparent, and the movement in favor of its return is due to improved intellectual insight. These fountains of public intelligence should be pure; the teachers should be of irreproachable character; and the excellent provisions of our State law, requiring scientific temperance instruction and the inculcation of the principles of morality and virtue should be enforced.

Yet the common schools can never be distinctly religious, and their influence is often antagonistic to piety. In the formative period of youth, the religious nature must not be neglected. The inevitable limitations of the high school make the seminary a necessity. The latter has a broader mission, a wider range of study and can train its pupils intellectually, socially, morally and religiously. Its system of study in the room develops self-reliance, and the close contact of pupil and teachers is a great intellectual and moral benefit. It supplies scholars for our colleges and universities, furnishes the majority of our ministers, and is the centre of culture for our laity—four times as many attending these schools as our higher institutions. It offers the best advantages, under safe conditions, for the education of our sons and daughters, and should be crowded with the youth of our Methodist homes. The first care of the church is its seminary, and Kent's Hill should ever be first in our thought and effort. No educational work of the church is more important. It must be kept in the front where it was placed by the sacrifices of the fathers. Our seminary for the past vear has met our expectations. All depart-

ments are ably manned. There is a constant improvement in the high grade of scholarship, and the good order and strong religious life are producing a high type of manhood and womanhood.

Wesleyan University furnishes the best advantages to the youth of both sexes to obtain a liberal education. Its increased facilities, new methods, free and prize scholarships, and liberal endowment enable it to equal the best collegiate work in the country. The last year was the most prosperous in its history. The superior attractions of this college ought to draw a larger number of our young people to enjoy its advantages.

The growth of Boston University is unusually steady, and shows the wisdom and strength of the institution. Situated in the intellectual metropolis of America, with more books to the square mile than anywhere else in the world, surrounded by the memorials of the sacred past and the living forces of the present, its social and literary privileges are second to none. Its annual distribution of forty thousand dollars in scholarships and fellowships brings its excellent advantages within the reach of every deserving student. Its postgraduate courses and professional schools are the best in the country.

That Laselle Seminary has to turn away pupils every year attests its superior advantages as a school exclusive for girls.

We rejoice that the American University has broken ground, and believe that its consummation should not be delayed. The richest country in the world should afford the highest educational advantages and our brightest minds should find the best culture in their own church.

All the educational institutions to which this conference has pledged its patronage are among the most successful in the country, growing in strength and usefulness; but their influence would be greatly increased, if our superb thinkers could be given leisure to produce works that would mould the thought of mankind.

Every church is a centre of culture. The Sunday School is intellectual as well as spiritual, and is connected by "Children's Day" with our institutions of learning. The Chautauqua and League reading courses keep our people in touch with the best thought. The thoughtful few demands an educated ministry. This conference should refuse to admit any one who has not had at least as thorough a training as can be secured at Kent's Hill. The young man who has not grit enough to get an education has not force enough to be a successful minister. The preacher should always be a student. His scholarship should be as accurate as truth, as profound as life, as broad as experience. It should ally itself with the best literary and philosophical culture of the times, should centre in and exalt Christ. It must be polished and made efficient by practical training. Professional knowledge is as essential to a minister as to a doctor or a lawyer. The junior-preacher is a thing of the past. Our Schools of Theology must now furnish that instruction, guidance and inspiration. The church has established these schools to train her ministers to advance that conception of truth that gives her a right

to exist. Their mission is to serve the church that created them, not to dictate her doctrines or her polity. Each denomination is the expression of its interpretation of Scripture; her preachers and teachers voluntarily entered her commission, and pledged themselves to maintain her essential doctrines, and no preacher or teacher can be honorable that voluntarily remains in her communion and violates his pledge of loyalty. The theory that each preacher and professor has a right to teach his own views of Scripture interpretation and church government is suicidal, for such a church would cease to be a unity on any fundamental or incidental question. Our Theological Schools must be true to the spirit of our church, must emphasize experience, deepen religious life, exalt the Bible and magnify Christ. Nothing that detracts from the truths of supernatural religion or is derogatory to Christ has any place in our church. No conception of truth has any value except as it brings us in touch with God. Every preacher should have a clear head and a big heart, deep learning and devout piety, a genuine manhood permeated by the spirit of Christ.

Therefore we are opposed to any use of public money for sectarian purposes; we view with alarm the illiteracy in our country; we pledge a generous support to our seminary; and we insist that candidates for the ministry should obtain a thorough preparation for their life work.

Whereas, last year the Board of Education has aided students belonging within the bounds of the Maine Couference to the amount of $759 und has only received $466.54: Resolved, that Children's Day should be observed in every church and the collection be taken for this board.

We recommend as visitors to Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, B. C. Wentworth, Wm. B. Dukeshire, H. A. Clifford, E. O. Thayer, O. S. Pillsbury.

To the Boston School of Theology, Charles W. Gallagher, Hosea Hewitt.

We would nominate as Trustee of Wesleyan University, for three years, C. W. Gallagher.

J. H. ROBERTS, for Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

In the year 1892 the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in their Quadrennial report to the General Conference and the Church in general, in their deliverance upon the question now before us, used words of truth and soberness. In part they are as follows: "The attitude we hold toward the drink habit and the saloon remains unchanged. Drunkenness and drunkard-making are alike offensive to God, and ruinous to men. Moderate drinking, so called, is the bane of society and the chief support of the nefarious traffic. We hold with unabated tenacity to the oft repeated statement that total abstinence is the only safety for the individual, and the complete legal prohibition of the traffic is the urgent duty of the State. We rejoice in every step of progress toward the attainment of these ends. In our judgment the saloon is an unmixed evil, full of diabolism, a

disgrace to civilization, the chief corrupter of political action, and a continual menace to the order of society and to the peace and purity of our homes. We exhort all our people to encourage every repression and limitation of the business and to keep a steady eye to its total extirpation."

In view of this utterance, be it

Resolved (1), That we, the members of the Maine Annual Conference, adopt it as a general statement of our platform of principles.

Resolved (2), That in the future as in the past the Maine law now erected into Constitutional Prohibition, shall have, as it has had, our approval and loyal support, and that as ministers and citizens we pledge ourselves to use our utmost influence and effort to secure a more perfect enforcement of law, to the end that soon it may be completely enforced, and the drink curse be abolished, as it is now outlawed, from every foot of our great State.

C. C. PHELAN,
C. W. PARSONS.

CHURCH AID.

The Church Aid Society of the Maine Conference has several monuments in church buildings, which speak loudly in praise of the value and efficiency of the organization.

The church building in which we are convened is the first fruits of our endeavor in this line of Conference work, and several other churches in the Conference have been given inspiration to church building and church growth, by timely aid furnished through this society.

The necessity for the organization is no less to-day than when we put ourselves underneath the enterprise ot resuscitating the Auburn society and building this edifice.

During the past year the society gave inspiration to the erection of a church at Berlin, N. H., which gives our Methodism a commanding influence in a thriving and rapidly growing town, and which, in the near future, will stand among the foremost of our Conference appointments.

It has been, and still is, the policy of this society to appropriate its funds to those societies which give most promise of growth and efficiency.

Resolved, That we will present the claims of this society before our congregations in the month of June, carefully informing the people as to the importance and necessity of this work.

Resolved, That we deem it advisable for the pastors of the churches which are to receive aid to issue immediately circulars giving our preachers information as to the enterprises on hand and their present needs.

Resolved, That the monies collected be forwarded at once to Rev. I. Luce, Treasurer, Portland, Me., that they may be distributed to the two charges in the proportion fixed by the Church Aid Society.

Resolved, That the charges at Berlin, N. H., and North Jay, Me., be commended to the Church Aid Society, as the charges to be assisted the current year from the contributions taken for this purpose.

Resolved, That we recommend the North Jay Church enterprise to the Board of Church Extension as the one having strongest claims to the funds, which will legitimately fall to this Conference the current year.

I. LUCE,
L. H. BEAN,
A. K. BRYANT, } *Committee.*

BIBLE CAUSE.

Throughout Christendom the Scriptures are regarded as divinely inspired, and as containing a divine communication from the mind of God to the mind and heart of man; or in the language of St. Paul, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The truth of the Old Testament Scriptures is declared by our Lord when he says "All things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me. Oh fools and slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have spoken, — and beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures things concerning himself."

The New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old, which is God's signature to the truth of his word.

The Bible is not only our true moral guide, but is the friend and herald of all progress social and scientific; and wherever the scream of the locomotive is heard, and wherever electricity flies laden with thought, always preceding, and never following is the "voice of one crying in the wilderness," and the light streaming from the cross of Calvary.

Whereas the word of God has been indeed a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; therefore.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the work of the American Bible Society in its efforts to place the Bible in so many families destitute of the Word of God, and that we will open our pulpits to the agent of this society, and will also contribute of our means to help on the good work.

B. C. WENTWORTH,
B. F. FICKETT,
HOSEA HEWITT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY

"The negro is in the South to stay. His race now numbers 8,000,000. It is doubling every forty years. In 1920 there will be 12,000,000 negroes in this country. So what is carelessly termed the "Negro Problem" is really the great American problem. The fate of civilization on this continent depends on what the negro is to be. He must be redeemed from the taint and curse of centuries of enforced immorality, or this proud land must take a second place among civilized nations." These are the words of Bishop Foss in his "Bugle Blast for Southern Education." Such a representation as is contained in this extract calls our attention to a condition and a prospect that show us the need of mighty, long-continued effort and large expenditure for the purpose of lifting up the negro of the Southland into a true enlightenment and qualifying him for the responsibilities of a Christian civilization.

Stupendous as was this undertaking when the Methodist Episcopal Church began its work of educating the freedmen, nearly thirty years ago, nevertheless, these years have produced remarkable results. The specific work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is, to use the language of a recent Report, "The establishment and maintenance of institutions of Christian learning among the multitudes of poor colored and white people of the South." Since the organization of the society in 1866, over $4,000,000 have been received and expended in its work, and the value of its property to-day is over $2,000,000. Since the work of the society was begun, more than a hundred thousand young men and women have attended its schools. During the year, closing in June, 1895, 9130 students received instruction from 459 teachers in the forty-five educational institutions of different grades under the direction of the society, and 1549 young men and women are now being taught trades and industries in trade schools connected with several of the larger institutions. Thus the society, through its various schools, is preparing those who attend them for the responsibilities of the home and society and for intelligent loyalty to American institutions. The work has been signally blessed of God. Hundreds of ministers, thousands of teachers, and over two hundred and fifty Christian colored physicians have received the education of our schools in the South, while thousands of young women that have come to these schools from the ignorance and poverty of cabin life, have, in time, gone forth trained in the domestic arts. But while such great results have followed, the work up to this time has been little more than foundation laying. The unoccupied field is of vast extent. Past prosperity introduces us to possibilities and demands larger than ever before. No benevolent enterprise of the church can justly make stronger appeals to patriotism, philanthropy or human compassion for financial support. To aid in sustaining and enlarging the work of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, the Maine Conference contributed last year $627.37. We are called upon to contribute during the Conference year of 1896–7 the sum $1500. We accept the apportionment and will endeavor to collect the amount.

J. NIXON,
C. E. SPRINGER,
J. H. TRASK.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

A brave and patient people, the Hollanders, have secured for themselves a home and native land by building massive dykes to shut out the encroaching North Sea, and by constant vigilance and incredible pains have won from the sea their low lands and transformed a portion of the sea-bed into fertile gardens. Within the outer sea-wall they built another, and behind these the country lies secure. The prosperity and very existence of the state depends on these defenses. A Christian civilization has reared like defenses against the perils that constantly threaten it. All the privileges and blessings of civilization have been won by struggle. Floods of barbarism and sensuality have been restrained, and efforts to redeem the earth and make it a garden of the Lord, have been in a measure successful by the building of ramparts. We term these protecting dykes Institutions. One of these is the Sabbath. To the Hebrew people, escaped from tyranny and unceasing toil, were given laws and institutions at that time absolutely unique in the world. One of these laws commanded rest from labors in stated portions of time, to remind this people that they should live a higher life than that of mere slaves.

Another institution grew up within the shelter of the Sabbath, the church, with worship for the maintenance of religious faith and fervor; for instruction of the people with regard to the highest truths and duties. The floods of heathenism were kept off by these institutions. Eternal vigilance must guard the most sacred interests of humanity from the encroachments of floods of irreligious ideas and practices.

God has shown in the constitution of man that he needs one day in seven for rest and for attention to religious matters. The spiritual part of a man needs culture as much as his mental faculties. The intelligence of the American people is due as much to the support of religion as to the support of the public schools. The question of observance of the Sabbath rests with religious people. The religious element gives tone to the community; if the church be lax to what lengths will not the world go!

God has appointed for us one day in seven in which we may find joy by coming to Him, and the day must be, as far as possible, devoted to the purposes for which it was set apart. While we are to keep a Christian Sabbath and not a Jewish, with all the trifling and refining which belonged to the Pharasees' elaborate system, the obligation is as binding as ever to keep the day "holy." Some portion of the day may be given to mental culture; but the religious uses of the day must be paramount. It is the time for the mutual embracement of God and man, and the visit to the sick and the deed of charity may find place within its limits.

We hold that the company or corporation that does not give its employes one day for rest defies the laws of God and is an enemy to society. We hope for the wide extension of the custom which is observed in some parts of our country of closing places of business soon after noon on Saturdays to allow employes recreation and rest before the Sabbath begins.

We commend the work of the New England Sabbath Protective League, and offer the following resolution as a part of the report:

Resolved, That the Conference heartily endorses the New England Sabbath Protective League, and commends it to the confidence and liberality of the churches.

F. C. ROGERS,
E. O. THAYER.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We have reached the closing month of the seventh year of the Epworth League. With a pardonable pride this great organization presents to the world the records of its achievements. It has brought into beauty and Christly activity thousands of young lives: With a joy unspeakable, we rejoice at the sight of a million young people identified with an organization whose first principle is loyalty to Christ and the Church: and whose motto best expressed is "To pray and to help."

In its organization, its spirit, its methods, its activities, we have sufficient reason for gratitude. The Conference report of 1895 said "14,000 Chapters:" Today it must be written, 16,038 Chapters of the Senior League and 4,465 Junior Chapters, with a membership of 1,350,000. Twenty four thousand volumes of the Epworth League Reading Course were sent out last year, on their great mission of evangelizing, broadening, and cultivating the young people of the church. The "Epworth Herald," a welcome visitor to so many homes, has now over 100,000 subscribers.

We recommend to all our Leagues the closest union and sympathy with the Pastor and Church. Let something be done in every department of League work: all are important and all should be developed in order to have a well-rounded society and symmetrical life. Especially would we emphasize Cottage prayer meetings and the varied ministry to the "Shut- ins."

Against three tendencies we lift a note of warning:

1. Making the League a vehicle of money-raising and turning its energies in this direction.
2. Striving for numbers rather than efficiency.
3. Seeking Extension rather than Intension.

Local Chapters are urged to make prompt response to all appeals for statistics.

ALBERT A. LEWIS,
CHARLES F. PARSONS,
F. W. SMITH.

RESOLUTIONS.

First, That we extend our heartiest thanks to the pastor of this church and to the people of Auburn and Lewiston, whose hospitality has made our stay so pleasant.

Second, That we heartily appreciate the able and kindly services of Bishop Merrill at this session of our Conference.

Third, That we extend our thanks to the Organist and Quartette of this church, who have so effectively assisted in our services.

Fourth, That we thank the officers of the railroad companies who have courteously granted us reduced rates on their lines.

Fifth, That we express our appreciation to the Lewiston Journal for its full reports of our Conference sessions.

Sixth, That we recognize the work of the Maine State Sunday School Association and heartily indorse its work in our Conference.

WM. WOOD,
THOMAS WHITESIDE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCES.

The benevolent enterprises of our church are the direct result of the success of gospel preaching, both as a church extending force and a means of spiritual quickening among the members.

Philanthropic enterprises and humanitarian schemes always follow in the wake of a faithful presentation of the gospel.

The spirit of Jesus Christ in the church necessitates a wholesome sacrifice on our part for the good of others, "freely ye have received, freely give," indicates what is expected and required of every disciple of Jesus.

Love is the underlying principle both in the redemption and evangelization of the world. The sufficiency of our interest in the salvation of the world is indicated by the gifts of time, talent, and money which we make, but is shown by the amount of self denial we practice in order that men may be saved.

We think the beneficence of our individual churches toward our benevolences will be in proportion as these objects are clearly and faithfully presented.

By a constant exercise of the spirit of giving, a vigorous and healthy maturity is attained. Therefore it is a mistake and a sin not to give as the Lord has prospered us.

Your committee earnestly recommend that every benevolence be properly presented and that the membership be reminded that the sacred promise made when they were received into the church means just what it says, that they will give according to their ability for the support of the gospel, and for the various benevolent enterprises of the church. Not one or two of the benevolences but all of them.

The laxity of some churches in giving for the benevolences is due to the fact that the shepherd of the flock has feebly presented these causes.

We would also suggest that if the full apportionments asked for cannot be met, that they each suffer in the same proportion,

The amounts asked for this year are as follows:

Missions	$7,540
Church Extension,	1,000
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education,	1,500
Sunday School Union,	314
Tract,	314
Board of Education (one dime for each S. S. Scholar),	1,309
Episcopal Fund,	943
Conference Claimants,	2,500
Church Aid,	600
American Bible Society,	314
Total,	$16,334

B. F. FICKETT,
GEO. F. MILLWARD,
HENRY A. PEARE, } *Committee.*

STEWARD'S REPORT.

What are the claims on Conference fnnds?

For Superannuated Preachers,	$2360
Widows,	1835
Total,	$4195

What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?

From Chartered Fund,	$22 00
Book Concern,	909 00
Wesleyan Association,	404 00
Conference Trustees,	550 67
Preachers' Aid Society,	800 00
Circuits and Stations,	1,492 50
Sunday Collection,	81 59
Total,	$4,259 76
Balance on hand,	64 76

Applied as follows:

TO SUPERANNUATES.

Rev. D. B. Randall,	$200	Rev. R. H. Kimball,	$100
" C. Munger,	200	" S. M. Emerson,	100
J. Hawks,	200	" A. R. Sylvester,	100
" J. Collins,	160	" E. K. Colby,	85
" T. Whittier,	140	" W. H. Foster,	75
" W. B. Bartlett,	125	" H. Crockett,	50
" N. D. Center,	125	" J. R. Masterman,	50
" J. P. Cole,	125	" H. F. A. Paterson,	50
" T. P. Adams,	125	" J. Mooar,	50
" George Hoyt,	125	" J. E. Budden,	25
" Alpha Turner,	125	" J. M. Woodbury.	25

TO WIDOWS.

Mrs. H. L. Linscott,	$100	Mrs. C. Andrews,	$75
" J. W. True,	100	" Eaton Shaw,	70
" S. R. Russell,	100	" N. Hobart,	60
" Thomas Hillman,	100	" B. F. Pease,	50
" J. Armstrong,	100	" E. F. Blake,	60
" A. Hatch,	100	" J. Walker,	50
" E. A. Porter,	100	" F. A. Bragdon,	50
" Benj. Freeman,	90	" Alvah Cook,	40
" O. H. Stevens,	75	" E. H. McKenney,	40
" L. P. French,	75	" C. J. Clark,	25
" J. Fairbanks,	75	" E. Smith,	25
" A. E. Parlin,	75	" D. Church,	25
" P. Hoyt,	75	" J. Cobb,	25
" Jesse Stone,	75		

REPORTS OF TREASURERS.

TREASURER MAINE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORT.

AUBURN, ME., April 13, 1896.

Received by interest on the Jesse Warren Fund,	$433 00
" " " " Domestic Missionary Fund,	2 00
" " " " Kinsman Atkinson Legacy,	8 00
" " collections, Augusta District,	1,327 00
" " " Lewiston District,	1,137 00
" " " Portland District,	2,726 00
Total,	$5,633 00

J. H. ROBERTS, *Treasurer.*
DAVID PRATT, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF TREARURER OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

AUBURN, ME., April 10, 1896.

Total assets,		$14,644 13
Balance of interest for the year,		$661 82
To be divided as follows :		
To the Stewards of Conference,,	$550 67	
To needy Circuits and Stations,	95 15	
To Preachers' Aid Society,	8 00	
To Conference Missionary Society,	8 00	
		$661 82

W. S. JONES, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER, APRIL 13, 1896.

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FROM CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Portland District.	$4,024 53
Lewiston District,	2,061 10
Augusta District,	2,411 08
Book Concern Dividend,	909 00
Chartered Fund,	22 00
Wesleyan Association,	404 00
Kinsman Atkinson's Legacy for P. Aid Society, by vouchers,	8 00
Trustees Maine Conference, by vouchers,	550 67
Kinsman Atkinson's Legacy for Missions,	8 00
Preachers' Aid, by D. B. Holt,	800 00
D. B. Holt, by Sunday Col.,	81 59
Balance from last year,	38 91
	$11,318 88

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By C. R. Magee,	$6,675 28
Maine Bible Society,	95 76
Kinsman Atkinson's Legacy P. Aid Society, by voucher,	8 00
Stewards' Maine Conference, by voucher,	550 67
Conference Claimants,	3,627 50
W. F. M. to Mrs. R. H. Turner,	182 86
W. H. M. to Mrs. I. Luce,	73 22
Church Aid to I. Lucc,	21 00

Domestic Missions,	2 00
Conference Claimants to D. B. Holt,	16 82
D. B. Holt for Conference Stewards,	64 76
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1 00
	$11,318 88

SYLVESTER HOOPER, *Conference Treasurer.*

WALTER CANHAM, *Assistant Treasurer.*

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

C. PURINTON,
D. R. FORD,
W. B. ELDRIDGE, } *Auditors.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MEMBERSHIP.

	This Year	Last Year	Increase.	Decrease.
Probationers	1758	1661	97	.....
Members, Ministers, etc	11146	10850	296	.....
Local Preachers	49	52	.....	3
Deaths	207	216	.....	9
Baptisms, Adults	588	610	.....	22
" Children	113	116	.....	3
Schools	159	153	6	.....
Officers and Teachers	1898	1893	5	.....
Scholars	13092	12672	420	.....
No. Conversions in S. School	480	593	.....	113

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Number Church Edifices	144	145	.....	1
Probable Value	$645250	$658450	.....	13200
Number Parsonages	78	80	.....	2
Probable Value	$126150	$128400	.....	2250
Building and Improving Ch. and Prop.	13245	24564	.....	11319
Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch. and P.	11140	3728	7412	.....
Present " "	25011	32135	.....	7124

BENEVOLENCES.

Missions, Churches $3998 Sunday-schools 1192	$5190	$5099	91	.....
Church Extension	474	491	.....	17
S. S. Union	132	157	.....	25
Tract Society	122	123	.....	1
F. Aid and S. Education	608	642	.....	34
Education, C. Fund and other Ed. objects.	429	396	33	.....
American Bible Society	323	394	.....	71
W. F. M. Society	1368	1905	.....	537
W. H. M. Society	1500	2321	.....	821
General Conf. Ex	261	203	58	.....
Church Aid	291	427	.....	136
Other Collections	2237	2598	.....	361
Totals	$12935	$14756	$182	$2003

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Bishops	$ 538	$ 570	.....	32
Presiding Elders	3734	3650	84	.....
Pastors	71145	71305	.....	160
Conference Col. for Conf. Claimants	82	95	.....	13
Conference Claimants	1463	1650	.....	187
Totals	$76962	$77270	84	392

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Churches and S. Schools	$20154	$20503	.....	$349
Total Evangelistic Money Raised	110051	112529	266	2744

Total Decrease Evangelistic Money Raised.....$2478

JAMES WRIGHT.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Bingham and Mayfield,	$90
East Livermore and Fayette,	50
Industry and Starks,	50
North Anson and Embden,	50
Oakland and Sidney,	50
New Sharon, Farmington Falls and Mercer,	40
Phillips,	35
Strong and Freeman,	30
North Augusta,	25
	$420

LEWISTON DISTRICT.

Berlin,	$80
Andover,	40
Oxford and Welchville,	40
Buckfield,	40
South Waterford and Sweden,	40
West Paris,	50
Fryeburg and Stow,	25
Rumford Falls,	25
Long Island,	30
Yarmouthville,	50
	$420

PORTLAND DISTRICT.

Bowery Beach,	$24
Buxton and Standish,	24
Hollis	24
Sanford,	38
Kezar Falls,	50
Knightville,	60
Portland, West End,	200
	$420

I concur in the above missions and appropriations.

(Signed) S. M. MERRILL.

LAMBERT FUND.

Kingfield and Eustis,	$30
Naples,	30
Maryland Ridge,	30

RESOLUTIONS.

TRUSTEE FOR KENT'S HILL.

WHEREAS, We have reliable information that a man, whose reputation as a brewer, has been in the highest degree inimical to the cause of temperance, has been elected as a Trustee of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary; and,

WHEREAS, This action of the Trustees compromises not only the Seminary, but also our common Methodism in their relation to temperance reform, thereby subjecting us, as Methodists, not only to unfavorable criticism, but also to a painful humiliation; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, express entire disapproval of the action of the Trustees and earnestly hope that it may be reconsidered.

J. A. COREY.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ELECTIONS.

The interests of the Epworth League demand that the election of the officers of the various local chapters should take place, as far as possible, at the same time; therefore,

Resolved, That the pastors bring this matter to the attention of their young people and recommend that they elect their officers, if practicable, the first of April.

A. HAMILTON, }
W. CANHAM, } *Committee.*

SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, We learn that the House of Representatives, by a large majority has refused to grant further appropriations to certain sectarian schools, which for years have been supported at an average yearly expense to the Treasury of the United States of $250,000, and,

WHEREAS, The bill as it passed the House is soon to be acted upon by the Senate, therefore,

Resolved, That the Maine Annual Conference of 111 ministers of the Gospel, representing 40,000 members and adherents, and as fellow heirs of the Methodist doctrine and history, representing 10,000,000 communicants and adherents in this republic, most heartily approve the action of the House of Representatives, and we earnestly request the Senate to promptly pass the bill, and the President to sign it, so that this great wrong committed against the tax-payers of this country, and against the very spirit of the National Constitution, may cease forever.

Resolved, That our Secretary forward a copy of these resolutions to Senator Frye.

GEO. D. LINDSAY.

BIBLICAL CRITICISM.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution, offered by C. Munger, was adopted :

WHEREAS, The discussion of Biblical criticism, under conditions which preclude a fair investigation of the problems involved, places the Bible at disadvantage; and,

WHEREAS, Such a discussion unchallenged may be understood as an indorsement of sentiments which we repudiate; therefore,

Resolved, That we regard such a policy as unwise and hope it will not be repeated.

(Signed) C. MUNGER.

MEMOIRS.

REV. JESSE STONE.

Jesse Stone was born in Plainfield Vt., April 16th, 1802, being the second of ten children who lived to grow up and become settled in life. His parents imigrated from Massachusetts to Vermont when that part of the State was new. They took up a lot of land three-fourths of a mile from any settlement. On that lot, after clearing a spot large enough so that the trees would not fall on the building, they built a house of logs, covered the roof with elm bark, laid the floor of split logs, built a chimney with rough stones and made a door with boards from the sled on which they moved to the State. "In this house," he says, "I was born and lived until I was ten years old. My school privileges were small, being in the district school which was kept only three months in the year, divided between the summer and winter school, and there being no school house was kept in barns and private houses. I only attended the winter school. This, with one and one-half term at an academy, comprised my school privileges."

Of his religious experience he says : "My parents were not professors of religion, but were firm believers in the Bible and strict observers of the Sabbath and regular attendants on religious worship. From my earliest recollection my mind was exercised with serious thoughts, and I often tried to pray." His religious teachings were among the Calvinist Baptist. At the age of fifteen he was enabled to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus to the saving of his soul. He was baptized and joined the Baptist church and remained a member of that church for six years. But his mind was not at rest. He could not comprehend the doctrine of "Predestination and Decrees." He sought for light elsewhere. By examining the New Testament and associating with other Christian people, he found the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church were in accordance with his views. He had received license and preached one year among the Baptists, but in 1824 joined

the M. E. Church and in June of that year, having received the necessary recommendation, was received on trial in New England Conference and was stationed in Hallowell, which embraced Hallowell, Gardiner and Augusta.

As the Conference was divided that year and the Maine Conference set off, he became a member of this Conference and was for many years the only member of the original Maine Conference. His appointments were as follows: 1824, Hallowell; '25, Vinalhaven; '26, St. Croix; '27 and '28 Dennysville; '29, Thomaston; '30 and '31, Penobscot; '32, Bartlett; '33, Paris; '34, Rumford; '35, Georgetown; '36, Windsor; '37, Hollis; '38, York; '39 and '40, Cape Elizabeth; '41, Acton; '42, Casco Bay Islands; '43 and '44, superannuated; '45 and '46, South Biddeford; '47 and '48, West Newfield; '49 and '50, Porter; '51, Berwick; '52 and '53, Kennebunkport Centre; '54, Gray; '55 and '56, West Cumberland; '57, Falmouth; '58 and '61, Shapleigh; '62 and '63, Kennebunkport Centre; '64, Maryland Ridge; '65, Hollis; '66 and '67, Shapleigh; '68, to the end of his life superannuated.

It will be seen that Brother Stone had long and hard moves and hard fields of labor, but he always went uncomplainingly to his work, and has labored with great results. He says: "For the first nine years I had no home provided for me, but I obtained one as best I could all over the charge; but as I held meetings nearly every day in the week I was constantly on the move."

In 1833 he was united in marriage with Miss Fanny McAllister, of Sweden. She proved an excellent wife, but in 1847, after a long and painful sickness she was taken from him by death, leaving upon his hands four small children; and he was destitute of the means of their support. He had been brought near to death by sickness and not fully recovered when this affliction came upon him. But, he says, "The Lord did not forsake me in the time of need."

In 1847 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Rogers of Topsham. She proved to be a most admirable helpmate and now mourns in sadness this severe loss. Brother Stone was a good preacher, a faithful and painstaking Pastor and his labors were blessed with the conversion of many souls. He was blessed with a beautiful family, one son, Jesse Albert, enlisted in Company A, Seventeenth Maine Regiment, and was Sergeant in his company.

He was a Christian young man. While in the army he was in many severe and hard fought battles, and after enduring great hardship, he sickened and died in Washington, D. C., and was buried at the Soldiers' Home.

Two sons, one a lawyer in Arizona, and the other a farmer in the far West, and two daughters in the West mourn the loss of one of the best of fathers.

Brother Stone, after 41 years in the active service, superannuated and moved to a neat little home in Wells, near North Berwick bridge, where he has spent a quiet and useful life, honored and respected by his neighbors and beloved by the Church. He died quite suddenly at his home March 28th, last. Thus has passed away the oldest member of this Conference; we think the oldest Methodist Episcopal preacher in New England.

D. B. RANDALL.

REV. E. A. PORTER.

Rev. Ernest A. Porter, without a struggle, fell asleep in Jesus and passed to his triumph and reward Sept. 26th, 1895. He was born in Pembroke, Me., Jan. 24th, 1866. Belonging to a family affiliated with the Methodist Society, he was under religious influence in the church and the home, and very early in life became interested in religion, although he did not unite with the church until he became a student at Kent's Hill, where he was received by Rev. C. F. Allen. Until about twenty-one years of age he remained at home, engaged mainly in agricultural pursuits and improving the opportunities that were available. He had employment for a time in Massachusetts before beginning his seminary studies in the spring of 1887. He first planned taking a business course, but the voice of God called him to a higher work. The call was followed by mental conflict, for he felt his inability to do the work of a gospel herald; but after several weeks of thought and prayer he decided to respond to the call and enter the ministry. Being the youngest of ten children, it was necessary for him to task his own powers and resources in order to pursue a course of study, and this he did, canvassing, serving as a clerk, or taking any useful employment that was offered. In the fall of 1888 he was licensed by the Quarterly Conference at Kent's Hill, Rev. G. C. Andrews, Presiding Elder. In June, 1890, he was employed by Rev. W. S. Jones as a supply at Hollis, on the Portland District. Here he was a well-chosen agent in the hands of God for a great spiritual awakening and the conversion of about fifty souls during his pastorate. In 1893 he was ordained as deacon by Bishop Ninde, at the Conference at Westbrook, and was appointed to Eliot. Though frail in health he did valuable service, became much attached to the people and was beloved by them. The kindness of the members of the church and of the friends in the community during his sickness is appreciated by the Conference as well as by him; and Mrs. Porter, though absent from them, regards it a pleasure to be counted as one of their number. He was a young man of excellant gifts and great promise, but his power was largely in his exalted character. He was so unselfish and pure in spirit that his people believed in him and counted it a privilege and a joy to be instructed and led by him. There was an impressiveness of thought and heart and voice in his messages to the people and they were delivered with such evident sincerity, high purpose and spirituality that they left a lasting impression. He loved to preach and study and serve, that he might win souls. His noble example, his love for Christ, the blessings of his life given for others, are our heritage. In March, 1891, he was united in marriage with Harriet Fernald of Portland. During his second year at Eliot his health failed, and in 1895 he did not take an appointment, but continued at Eliot till September, when, with his wife and two beautiful children, he started for the home of his father, arriving five days before his death. The funeral service was held in the M. E. Church at Pembroke, where he gave his first testimony for Christ. Rev. A. S. Ladd and Rev. E. S. Gahan took part in the service, and a tribute to his memory by his Presiding Elder, Rev. G. R. Palmer, was read. He is early crowned, but his life is a holy inspiration.

G. R. PALMER.

ALVAH COOK.

Rev. Alvah Cook, a superannuated member of the Maine Conference, was born in Shapleigh, Me., Oct. 16, 1819, and died in Sanford, Me., after a lingering illness, Nov. 10, 1895, aged 76 years.

Early in life he removed from his native place to Boston. Soon after his arrival he was converted in the Bennet St. Church, in his eighteenth year. His ability as a leader was early recognized, and he was soon made a class-leader, filling that position in Bennet St. and afterwards at Kennebunk, Me. He was licensed to preach in Saco early in the sixties, and for several years served charges in the Conference as a local preacher—Oak Ridge, South Standish, Maryland Ridge and Kittery. He was admitted on trial in '74, and into full connection in '76, and served the following charges: Scarboro, '73; South Eliot, '74-'76; East Poland, '77, '78; Bowery Beach, '79, 80; Chebeague, '81, 82; Cape Porpoise, '83, 85, Maryland Ridge, '86, '87. In '88 he took a superannuated relation, and since that time has resided at Cape Porpoise and Sanford.

He was twice married. Mary Boyen, the wife of his youth, shared the trials and triumphs of his itinerant life and died at Cape Porpoise, June 10, 1892. His second marriage was with Mrs. Anna Bickford, who with unusual strength and faithfulness cheered his latest moments.

Mr. Cook, as a preacher, was scriptural and earnest, and was much beloved on his charges. He served the Lord with reverence and godly fear, and the church of his choice with fidelity and constantly increasing attachment. He approached the end with the joy of triumph. No tormenting doubts troubled him at last. His dying testimony, in answer to the inquiry, "Is it well?" was: "It is well clear through"—as though the gates of the city were wide open to welcome him to the larger life beyond. When nearing the end he was heard to repeat; "Oh, sing to me of heaven," etc. Mr. Cook commenced well, fought a good fight, finished the course, kept the faith, and has received the crown.

E. T. ADAMS.

LYDIA A. ATKINSON.

Lydia A. Atkinson, widow of the late Rev. Kinsman Atkinson, was born in Biddeford, Me., June 6, 1832 and died in Glenwood, Iowa, May 11, 1894, of cerebral apoplexy.

At the age of eighteen years she was converted to God and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church.

As Lydia A. Stackpole, she was married to Rev. Kinsman Atkinson, July 20, 1853. Having joined her lot with his as a Methodist minister, she accepted cheerfully all the duties included therein; and bore the hardships connected therewith without complaint; and shared in the privileges thereof with thankfulness.

She found in the itinerant life a means of enlarged usefulness, and learned lessons of endurance, courage, and faith which proved of great benefit in her career of 41 years. In country and in city life, amid the hum of business and the

comparative quiet of rural scenes, the same equanimity of spirit, and calm trustfulness upon the promises of her God characterized her life. Her refinement of manners won the admiration, and her gentleness the love of all who knew her. Her unobtrusiveness and reticence, sometimes mistaken for coldness or hauteur, were the result of a contemplative and introspective turn of mind, that found pleasure in self examination, and made her cautious in speech and action.

Having known her for more than thirty years, with pleasure we write that we never heard her say an unkind word of any one, and never knew her to do an unseemly thing. Her deportment, whether at home or abroad, was always decorous; her speech chaste, her spirit of mingled firmness and charity.

The mother of one child, her love and interest centred in her Nellie. For her she cared, wrought, and prayed. The following words of her daughter, now Mrs. Hayward the wife of the Rev. Frank Hayward of the Des Moines Conference referring to her final sickness, are the grateful tribute of a loving child to the fiidelity and tenderness of a departed mother, at once valuable because true, and proper because deserved; "she knew us for a little time, but soon lost consciousness. I know as much as we mortals can know, that mother was ready to go. After father's death, she was very lonely; and I knew she longed to go to be with him and our blessed Saviour, though she was always cheerful, and trying to make things bright for those around her."

In her departure the Maine Conference has lost an exemplary wife of a Methodist minister, and the Church a pattern of fidelity and meekness; but the Church triumphant has gained one who through much patience has passed to glory, honor, immortality, eternal life. The Maine Conference gratefully remembers her in this service and in this obituary notice.

MRS. SARAH JANE ANDREWS.

Sarah Jane Allen, daughter of Wm. D. and Sarah Allen, niece of the late Rev. W. F. Farrington, and wife of Rev. G. C. Andrews, was born in Raymond, Me., April 25th, 1847, and died May 26th, 1895, aged 48 years. While still quite young she went to Lewiston to work in the cotton mills. She was a sober and amiable young lady. During the pastorate of the writer scores of the operatives, then mostly Americans, attended Park Street Church. An almost constant revival was in progress there, and among the converts was Miss Allen, who accepted Christ Feb. 28th, 1864. She was married by the writer to George C. Andrews May 1, 1867. Mr. Andrews was not then a minister, but was engaged in the insurance business, which he subsequently left to preach the gospel. While Sarah did not marry a minister, she, learning the decision of her husband to preach the gospel, not only did not oppose him, but greatly encouraged him.

Mrs. Andrews was a very intelligent, deeply pious, prudent, discreet, loving Christian. As a minister's wife she was ever faithful, endearing herself by her wise, loving deportment to the people in the several charges her husband served. Many a heart was made sad at the announcement of her death.

During the last few years of her life she was in poor health, and what she

did was performed in great weakness of body, but her interest in the prosperity of the church and the salvation of souls was unabated.

She was suddenlv attacked with paralysis March 4th last, and lingered, nearly all of the time unconscious, for twelve weeks, when she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

She leaves a husband, two sons, who are graduates of Colby University, and are successful teachers, and a daughter. In sadness they mourn, yet rejoice that God gave to the husband such a wife, and to the children such a mother.

The funeral services were held at the parsonage, at Mechanic Falls, the writer officiating, assisted by Rev. C. F. Allen, D. D. The remains were taken to Saco, where Mr. and Mrs. Andrews passed two very pleasant years. Services were there held in the church, Rev. A. A. Lewis, the pastor, and Presiding Elder Palmer officiating, and the body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery.

When one so lovely, so useful as was Mrs. Andrews is taken away, the church meets with a great loss, and yet the influence exerted for God never dies.

D. B. RANDALL.

MRS. EMMA E. YOUNG.

Emma E. Young, wife of the late Rev. John Young, for many years an honored member of the Maine Conference, died at her home in Augusta, Me., June 12, 1895, in the 95th year of her age. Mrs. Young was the mother of five children, two of whom survived her. Her son, John F., was Bishop of Florida at the time of his death, and one of the daughters is the wife of an Episcopal clergyman in the West. Her husband died twenty-eight years ago, after a life of great usefulness as pastor and presiding elder for nearly fifty years. There were some qualities in Mrs. Young's natural endowment and religious training that made her a remarkable woman. She had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for seventy-five years, which had given her all the varied experiences of the early itineracy.

The christian graces shone forth in her life in all its varied relations, as wife, mother and widow. She suffered patiently the infirmities and deprivations of old age and protracted sickness, and was never known to be impatient or show a restless, fretful spirit through all her infirmities and suffering. This doubtless added many years to her life and endeared her more and more to those who cared for her, especially to her grandchildren who never saw on her face a frown but always sunshine. Her natural powers of mind and body were remarkably well preserved, her hearing was acute to the last, while her eyesight was but little impaired. She retained her memory perfectly, while her mind was vigorous and her conversational powers in full force to the last. She was a great reader until the last year of her life. Zion's Herald had been her companion from its first issue. She was deeply religious, and took a deep interest in all church work and the progress of the work of God everywhere. Her last year was one of great physical suffering; but her faith failed not until the silver cord was loosed and the golden bowl was broken, when her happy spirit stepped on board God's chariot of light and she was bourne to her home in heaven where the most of her loved ones had gone before her, and were waiting her coming.

E. T. ADAMS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership. No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	Local Preachers.	No. Deaths.	Bap. Children Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	S. Schools. No. Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Church Property. No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Pd. build'g and improv'g Chs. & Pars.	Pd. on old indebtedness on Ch. Prop.	Present indebtedness Ch. Property.	Benevolent Collections. MISSIONS. (a) Church.	(b) S. School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	S. School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & S. Education Soc'y	EDUC'N. (a) Child's Fund.	(b) Educa'n Obj.	Am. Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society	*Episcopal Fund.	*Conf'ce Claimants.	Gen. Con. Expen.	Other Collections.	Church Aid.
Augusta	62	200	..	10	1	44	1	13	150	1	12000	1	4000	122	....	....	66	25	91	10	2	2	20	8	....	3	11	12	15	41	4	137	..
East Livermore, & N. Fayette	...	80	2	..	.....	..	3	21	82	2	1500	1	500	100	....	....	5	2	7	...	..	..	....	2	....	1	1	4	...	7	..	2	3
East Readfield	...	17	..	..	..	....	1	4	15	1	2500	.	.....	....	....	....	2	....	2	1	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	...	2	..	..	..
Eustis	10	21	1	..	.....	5	29	70	1	1500	.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fairfield and Fairfield Cen.	60	138	..	2	..	6	1	18	112	2	7000	1	1800	60	..	450	86	14	100	8	2	2	10	2	5	3	15	5	8	20	4	31	5
Farmington	12	170	..	7	..	....	2	25	200	1	10000	1	2000	....	260	600	10	....	10	3	1	1	3	1	....	1	10	85	2	8	3	3	5
Gardiner	23	245	..	6	..	12	1	19	175	1	15000	1	4000	2300	....	200	70	40	110	22	2	2	18	11	....	2	30	80	15	35	..	..	4
Hallowell	16	130	..	2	4	11	1	17	115	1	7500	1	2800	....	....	450	132	13	145	20	4	4	30	5	3	8	39	18	13	38	7	....	15
Industry, Starks, & N. Viny'd	57	77	2	2	.	2	2	21	125	2	2500	1	900	75	....	....	5	...	5	3	1	1	1	1	....	5	1	....	3	4	1	....	3
Kent's Hill and Readfield Cor.	9	160	2	2	3	4	3	25	400	2	4500	1	1800	....	....	....	98	20	118	7	3	3	14	5	....	4	24	97	11	43	7	21	5
Kingfield and Salem	...	30	..	1	..	...	1	11	40	1	3000	1	800	....	....	400	1	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Leeds and Greene	14	36	..	1	..	...	2	13	66	1	1000	1	500	250	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Livermore and Hartford	54	109	..	5	..	15	2	20	120	4	4000	1	1000	193	207	....	13	5	18	2	1	1	1	4	....	2	11	2	6	5	2	....	2
Livermore Falls	10	138	..	2	..	5	1	18	140	1	7000	1	3000	225	....	300	50	10	60	10	2	2	10	13	....	2	50	....	10	20	5	....	6
Madison	25	158	...	..	..	76	1	12	180	1	3000	.	.....	65	....	130	28	18	46	....	..	..	....	4	....	....	11	5	4	18	4	....	3
Monmouth	11	96	1	1	..	4	1	10	70	2	6000	1	2000	....	....	....	26	6	32	4	1	1	3	7	....	1	8	....	1	8	1	21	..
Mt. Vernon and Vienna	20	111	..	1	..	...	2	17	75	2	5500	1	900	75	....	....	5	1	6	1	..	..	....	....	....	....	8	....	1	2	1	....	..
N Sharon, Far'tn Fl's&Mercer	6	113	1	1	..	..	2	11	57	2	6800	1	800	....	....	....	5	5	10	1	..	..	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	....	....	3
North Anson	8	54	..	3	..	3	2	10	40	1	1000	1	1200	70	....	459	3	....	3	1	..	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	1	2	....	....	1
North Augusta	11	46	1	.	1	5	2	15	85	1	1200	1	1000	48	....	....	10	2	12	5	1	1	3	3	....	2	1	1	5	13	3	....	3
Oakland and Sidney	12	80	1	2	1	...	2	17	80	2	5000	.	.....	....	....	180	7	6	13	1	..	.	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Phillips	28	180	..	3	1	3	1	15	169	1	3500	.	.....	....	....	....	10	10	20	2	1	1	3	....	3	8	1	1	3	10	2	3	..
Richmond	13	135	...	3	.	.....	1	16	105	1	4000	1	1200	50	....	....	24	6	30	5	1	1	8	2	....	3	5	2	5	16	5	....	1
Skowhegan	21	190	2	2	...	5	1	20	200	1	14000	1	2000	150	350	....	60	10	70	8	1	1	8	3	3	4	12	30	6	25	6	18	2
Solon	17	93	..	2	..	6	2	16	160	1	2000	1	1200	....	....	....	29	5	34	1	2	1	3	4	3	1	....	....	5	8	3	5	2
Strong and Freeman	19	87	..	5	..	2	1	14	130	1	4000	1	900	....	....	....	73	....	73	1	1	..	3	....	1	3	9	....	3	6	3	....	4
Temple	16	25	1	1	2	3	1	9	155	1	700	.	.....	30	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....
Waterville	70	210	1	3	1	18	1	33	250	2	15000	1	3800	...	550	950	108	40	148	13	4	4	20	5	6	16	12	2	16	56	16	582	8
Wayne and North Leeds	35	80	1	4	..	14	1	10	60	2	4000	1	1500	1025	....	....	11	4	15	3	2	1	2	....	2	2	8	....	1	4	....	....	..
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Wilton and and N. Jay	24	134	..	4	..	20	3	31	210	1	6000	1	1000	862	...	....	55	10	65	11	2	2	14	6	....	4	14	18	9	20	7	....	6
Winthrop	5	144	..	1	2	6	1	17	150	1	4000	1	2500	....	....	....	47	33	80	5	1	1	5	3	....	7	4	5	8	31	..	15	..
Bingham and Mayfield	35	18	1	1	1	3	3	20	100	..	.....	.	.....	....	....	....	....	2	2	....	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	..	....	1
District Totals,	703	3505	17	77	17	267	54	547	4036	44	164700	25	43100	6240	1367	4119	1040	287	1327	148	36	36	183	95	27	84	285	367	151	447	84	838	83

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	RECEIPTS. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	SUP. OF P. ELD'S. Amt. Apport'd.	Amt. Paid.	SUP. OF BIS'OPS Amt. Apport'd.	Amt. Paid.	CON CL'NTS. R. FRO M. Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.	Total.	CUR. EX Ch.; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, B'ks, etc.
Augusta	C. S. Cummings	1200	400	1600	1200	400	1600	...	75	75	15	15	41	..	...	41	519	36
East Livermore, etc	Sup. B. V. Davis	450	50	500	374	50	424	76	20	20	....	....	7	..	...	7	22	14
East Readfield	Sup.	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	5	5	....	....	2	..	...	2	.....	.....
Eustis	Sup.	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	12	12	....	....	..	..	...	..	.....	.....
Fairfield and Fairfield Cen.	O. S. Pillsbury	700	100	800	700	100	800	...	40	40	10	8	20	..	...	20	120	25
Farmington	W. B. Dukeshire	850	....	850	850	....	850	..	66	66	13	2	8	..	...	8	220	110
Gardiner	E. O. Thayer	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300	...	79	79	20	15	35	..	...	35	430	90
Hallowell	C. F. Parsons	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	...	56	56	13	13	38	..	..	38	234	35
Industry and Starks	Sup. A. S. Staples.	450	50	500	293	50	343	157	17	17	4	3	4	..	...	4	18	11
Kent's Hill and Readfield Cor.	D. B. Holt	700	150	850	700	150	850	...	46	46	11	11	43	..	...	43	50	150
Kingfield and Salem	Sup. J. W. Jordan	225	75	300	145	75	220	80	12	9	....	....	..	..	...	..	15	20
Leeds and Greene	Sp.H.Cochrane,J.W.Smith	150	....	150	150	....	150	..	10	6	....	....	..	..	...	..	.....	.....
Livermore and Hartford	C. A. Brooks	525	75	600	525	75	600	...	23	23	6	6	5	..	...	5	40	20
Livermore Falls	C. A. Southard	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	...	50	50	13	10	20	..	...	20	100	60
Madison	Sup. F. C. Norcross	500	....	500	500	....	500	...	40	30	....	....	..	..	...	..	.....	70
Monmouth	W. B. Eldridge	575	125	700	575	125	700	...	41	32	6	1	8	..	...	8	100	20
Mt. Vernon and Vienna	E. Gerry	450	50	500	450	50	500	..	22	16	....	1	2	..	...	2	50	15
N. Sharon, Far'tn F'ls & Mercer	Sup. L. J. Holway	490	60	550	421	60	481	69	30	13	....	....	..	..	3	3	10	10
North Anson	J. A. Ford	300	....	300	230	....	230	70	20	20	5	1	1	..	1	2	15	10
North Augusta	Sup. S. E. Leech	425	75	500	425	75	500	...	20	20	5	5	13	..	...	13	20	14
Oakland and Sidney	Sup. F. R. Welch	428	72	500	371	72	443	57	19	19	5	....	..	..	...	..	80	20
Phillips	Sup. W. A. Nottage	516	84	600	516	84	600	...	32	32	....	3	10	..	...	10	95	80
Richmond	James Nixon	700	100	800	700	100	800	..	52	52	10	5	15	..	...	15	100	60.
Skowhegan	B. C. Wentworth	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	...	75	75	12	6	25	..	..	25	225	90
Solon	D. R. Ford	525	75	600	490	75	565	35	22	22	8	5	8	..	...	8	40	26
Strong and Freeman	C. E. Jones	425	75	500	425	75	500	...	32	32	7	3	6	..	...	6	25	27
Temple	Sup. F. H. Billington	175	20	195	150	20	170	25	6	6	....	....	1	..	...	1	20	25
Waterville	W. F. Berry	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	...	80	80	16	16	56	..	..	56	750	175
Wayne and North Leeds	Sup. C. A. Laughton	400	100	500	400	150	500	...	23	23	....	1	4	..	...	...	40	30
Weld	Sup. C. H. Williams	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Wilton and North Jay	B. F. Fickett	600	100	700	600	100	700	...	40	40	9	9	20	..	...	20	.....	66
Winthrop	S. Hooper	650	150	800	650	150	800	...	45	45	10	8	31	..	...	31	150	40
Bingham and Mayfield	Joseph Moulton.	200	....	200	200	....	200	...	8	8	....	...	1	..	...	1	5	13
Totals		17359	3036	20395	16790	3036	19826	569	1118	1069	198	151	443		4	447	3493	1362

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																MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extens'n	S. School Union	Tract Society.	Freedmen' Aid & South'n Ed. Soc'y	EDUC'N.		Am. Bible Soc'y	Woman's For'gn Miss'y Society.	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conf'e Claim't's.	Gen. Con. Expen.	Other Collections	Church Aid.
	No. Probationers	Full Membership	Local Preachers.	No. Deaths.	Children Bapt'ed	Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Pd. build'g and im. Chs. and Par.	Pd. on Ch. prop'y	Pres't indebte'ss on Ch. Property.	(a) Church.	(b) Sun. School.	Total.					(a) Child's Fund	(b) Educ'al Obj.								
Andover	7	55	..	..	2	3	1	7	60	1	2000	1	750	20	....	....	....	3	3	....	..	1	1	6	...	1	1	1	4	5	4	...	1
Auburn	37	250	1	2	1	34	1	20	250	1	18000	1	4000	....	....	....	70	20	90	5	2	2	34	9	....	5	38	25	19	29	10	...	13
Baldwin and Hiram	16	81	2	7	..	8	3	27	125	3	3500	1	600	195	....	....	4	1	5	....	..	..	1	....	2	2	....	1	1	3	....	....
Bath, Beacon St	20	134	..	3	2	1	1	20	175	1	8500	1	2500	...	320	....	64	16	80	4	2	1	5	9	....	3	16	68	6	18	4	...	4
Bath, Wesley Church	14	220	..	4	3	1	1	30	250	1	18000	..	....	....	....	....	176	24	200	10	3	3	10	14	....	5	27	53	17	40	16	..	....
Berlin, N. H	3	47	..	..	6	1	1	9	60	1	5000	..	....	1100	100	2000	7	11	18	2	..	..	..	4	....	..	....	....	....	1	..	....	....
Bethel and Mason	25	172	..	2	1	7	2	34	151	2	5000	1	1000	19	....	....	30	12	42	10	3	2	10	4	3	4	10	25	8	15	4	..	4
Bowdoinham	10	86	..	3	..	..	1	14	98	1	5000	1	800	....	....	....	40	10	50	3	..	..	3	1	....	2	15	32	5	8	2	..	....
Bridgton and Denmark	6	135	..	..	..	3	2	30	150	2	10000	1	1800	25	....	800	40	3	43	5	1	1	5	4	..	11	....	25	5	12	5	..	5
Brunswick	2	127	1	4	..	3	1	18	105	1	6000	1	2000	....	....	....	49	11	60	10	3	3	12	9	....	8	53	....	10	21	5	..	4
Buckfield	4	20	1	..	1	1	2	9	40	1	2200	..	....	300	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Chebeague	100	116	..	1	..	32	1	11	50	1	2000	1	1000	....	....	....	14	3	17	....	..	1	3	2	....	..	11	....	....	10	....	....	....
Conway, N. H	15	61	..	..	..	7	2	23	115	2	3500	1	2000	....	30	100	33	9	42	5	2	2	3	3	2	2	12	....	4	13	3	....	1
Cumberland and Falmouth	5	63	1	1	..	..	2	16	65	1	1500	1	1200	50	....	....	24	11	35	4	1	2	5	8	....	..	10	....	2	10	....	....	12
East North Yarmouth	8	46	..	3	1	6	1	8	64	1	1500	1	800	30	20	30	10	....	10	2	..	..	2	5	....	..	3	3	....	3	....	....	....
Empire and Minot	3	19	..	..	..	..	2	8	51	2	4500	1	1000	....	4	42	5	....	5	....	..	..	4	1	....	..	3	....	1	4	1	....	....
Fryeburg and Stow	4	40	..	2	..	..	2	10	60	2	2800	..	....	50	....	....	2	....	2	....	..	..	1	....	....	1	....	....	2	1	..	....	....
Gorham, N. H	15	45	..	..	..	..	1	15	70	1	5000	1	1400	30	....	300	....	8	8	....	..	..	....	2	....	..	....	....	3	2	..	....	....
Harpswell and Orr's Island	9	47	1	..	..	4	2	16	80	2	3000	..	....	....	....	....	1	5	6	....	..	1	....	2	....	..	13	1	..	5	....	....	....
Lewiston, Ham. & Pk. Sts.	18	350	2	1	2	15	1	32	271	2	18000	1	3000	....	1419	2200	70	19	89	6	4	2	10	3	4	6	26	94	16	32	5	....	4
Lisbon and Lisbon Falls	24	131	3	..	7	2	2	29	170	2	9000	1	1200	96	184	500	53	22	75	10	2	2	10	9	....	2	12	6	11	26	6	5	....
Locke's Mills	....	38	..	1	..	15	1	6	30	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	2	....	....	....	....
Long Island	1	15	..	..	..	1	1	6	25	1	600	..	....	40	....	....	3	3	6	1	..	..	2	1	....	..	....	2	2	7	1	....	2
Mechanic Falls	14	92	1	2	..	..	1	12	160	1	3500	1	2000	10	15	60	35	18	53	5	2	3	5	5	....	2	17	2	10	21	4	....	5
Naples	9	57	..	2	..	..	1	10	60	1	1000	1	400	....	....	....	2	3	5	1	1	..	1	1	....	1	1	1	2	4	1	2	....
N. Conw'y & Bartlett, N.H.	4	81	2	2	..	2	2	17	86	2	6000	2	2500	300	....	....	18	....	18	2	1	1	2	4	....	1	....	....	10	5	....	....	6
Norway	28	127	..	3	3	4	2	26	150	2	5000	1	1800	355	....	....	20	16	36	4	1	1	4	3	1	1	33	1	5	16	6	....	5
Oxford and Welchville	4	43	1	6	..	..	2	30	99	2	3700	..	....	100	....	....	16	4	20	....	..	1	....	1	....	..	....	....	1	3	....	....	1
Rumford and Newry	....	40	1	1	..	..	2	10	38	1	1500	1	600	....	....	....	2	....	2	....	..	..	....	3	....	..	....	....	....	2	....	....	....
Rumford Falls	6	58	1	1	2	1	1	9	72	1	7000	..	....	900	225	1430	25	6	31	3	..	..	....	5	....	12	5	2	1	8	....	....	10
South Auburn	4	27	..	..	..	..	1	7	30	1	650	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
South Paris	31	128	..	2	2	16	1	18	130	1	4000	1	1000	100	....	....	29	12	41	8	1	1	4	8	....	1	25	5	5	11	1	....	....
So. Waterford and Sweden	1	37	..	2	..	..	2	5	25	2	2000	1	500	15	....	....	5	....	5	....	..	..	1	....	....	..	....	....	1	2	....	....	....
Turner & North Auburn	....	37	2	2	..	..	2	14	65	2	4000	1	800	....	....	....	2	..	2	....	..	..	1	2	....	..	4	....	....	....	....	....	....
West Bath	13	12	..	..	..	5	1	7	27	1	900	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
West Cumberland	8	30	..	..	2	3	2	13	52	1	1200	1	300	1	....	....	8	6	14	2	1	1	1	2	....	1	4	....	2	4	1	15	2
West Durham and Pownal	6	62	1	1	..	2	2	15	85	2	2000	1	800	150	....	....	9	4	13	1	..	..	2	5	....	..	2	2	..	2	....	....	1
West Paris	25	95	..	1	..	13	3	24	125	3	2000	1	600	100	....	300	2	3	5	1	..	..	....	1	....	..	....	....	2	4	....	....	....
Yarmouthville	15	18	..	1	..	14	1	9	20	..	....	..	....	....	75	....	6	....	6	....	1	..	3	....	....	1	4	....	....	5	....	....	....
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District Totals	514	3242	21	60	37	202	60	624	3739	55	179650	28	36350	3986	2392	7762	874	263	1137	104	31	31	155	136	12	72	348	349	157	352	79	27	80

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Claims.			Support. Receipts.				Sup. of P. Eld's.		Sup. of Bis'ops.		Con Cl'nts. R. from				Cur. Ex.	
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Amt. Apport'd.	Amt. Paid.	Amt. Apport'd.	Amt. Paid.	Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sour'es	Total.	Ch.: Sex'n, Light Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson, Leaves, Books, &c.
Andover	W. H. Varney	300	75	375	300	75	375	...	20	20	4	4	5		...	5	45	11
Auburn	E. S. Stackpole	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	...	95	95	19	19	29		...	29	800	100
Baldwin and Hiram	Sup. R. S. Leard	465	50	515	439	50	489	26	35	25	8	1	3		...	3	20	52
Bath, Beacon St.	M. C. Pendexter	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	...	58	58	12	6	18		...	18	215	59
Bath, Wesley Church	J. L. Hoyle	*950	....	950	950	...	950	...	87	87	17	17	40		...	40	619	50
Berlin, N. H.	F. C. Potter	400	120	520	340	120	460	60	24	24	...	...	1		...	1	70	10
Bethel and Mason	A. Hamilton	650	100	750	650	100	750	...	54	54	10	8	15		...	15	93	44
Bowdoinham	C. E. Springer	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	42	32	12	5	8		...	8	100	40
Bridgton and Denmark	J. H. Roberts	750	150	900	750	150	900	...	59	59	11	5	12		...	12	150	125
Brunswick	W. F. Holmes	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	..	54	54	10	10	21		...	21	213	70
Buckfield	F. W. Sadler	400	60	460	290	60	350	110	15	15	...	...	...		...	...	.....	10
Chebeague	A. C. Trafton	500	50	550	500	50	550	...	35	35	9	...	10		..	10	25	12
Conway, N. H.	J. H. Trask	500	150	650	500	150	650	...	32	32	8	4	13		...	13	100	50
Cumberland and Falmouth	Sup. M. B. Greenhalgh	500	100	600	500	100	600	...	30	28	8	2	10		...	10	62	12
East North Yarmouth	Sup. M. K. Mabry	350	75	425	350	75	425	..	17	17	5	...	...		3	3	20	10
Empire and Minot	C. Purinton	350	50	400	350	50	400	...	17	17	5	1	...		4	4	15	12
Fryeburg and Stow	G. W. Barber	279	21	300	279	21	300	...	21	18	5	2	1		...	1	40	7
Gorham, N. H.	G. I. Lowe	650	150	800	650	150	800	...	26	10	8	3	2		...	2	100	25
Harpswell and Orr's Island	Sup. C. M. Abbott	500	....	500	500	....	500	...	20	24	....	...	...		5	5	40	25
Lewiston, Ham. and Park St.	E. T. Adams	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	...	114	114	16	16	32		...	32	500	128
Lisbon and Lisbon Falls	G. D. Holmes	800	100	900	800	100	900	...	56	56	11	11	26		...	26	153	90
Locke's Mills	R. A. Rich	428	72	500	307	72	379	121	22	22	5	2	...		...	...	10	9
Long Island	W. H. Gowell	315	60	375	280	60	340	35	16	10	5	2	7		...	7	22	7
Mechanic Falls	Sup. T. P. Baker	650	150	800	570	150	720	80	45	35	10	10	21		...	21	114	65
Naples	H. A. Peare	250	50	300	238	50	288	12	24	17	3	2	4		...	4	10	10
N. Conway & Bartlett, N. H.	T. Whiteside	700	125	825	700	125	825	...	42	42	10	10	5		...	5	80	21
Norway	F. Grovenor	650	150	800	650	150	800	...	46	46	10	5	16		...	16	83	70
North Auburn and Turner	Sup. J. T. McBean	400	25	425	358	25	383	42	22	22	....	....	...		...	...	.....	8
Oxford and Welchville	Sup. J. B. Howard	284	66	350	284	66	350	...	20	20	5	1	..		3	3	25	17
Rumford and Newry	Sup. W. H. Congdon	550	50	600	350	50	400	200	26	17	....	....	2		...	2	20	7
Rumford Falls	Sup. G. B. Hannaford	550	....	550	550	....	550	...	24	24	6	1	8		...	8	100	50
South Auburn	J. R. Remick	*60	....	60	60	....	60	...	15	6	....	....	..		...	...	.....	....
South Paris	W. T. Chapman	600	100	700	600	100	700	...	45	45	9	5	11		...	11	100	75
South Waterford & Sweden	J. H. Bounds	275	50	325	265	50	315	10	16	14	5	1	2		...	2	10	5
West Bath Circuit	Sup. C. H. Young	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	...	*10	5	...	...	...		...	...	.....	....
West Cumberland & So. Gray	Sup. W. Bragg	320	30	350	294	30	324	26	18	18	3	2	4		...	4	8	20
West Durham and Pownal	Sup. A. F. Hinkley	470	50	500	450	50	500	...	29	27	6	....	2		...	2	20	72
West Paris	A. K. Bryant	400	50	450	400	50	450	..	32	32	5	2	...		4	4	30	35
Yarmouthville	Sup. C. Simonton	271	....	271	271	....	271	...	10	10	....	....	5		...	5	9	3
		.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	...	...	....	...	...					....	....
District Totals		20247	3329	23576	19475	3329	22804	772	1373	1286	260	157	333	..	19	352	4021	1417

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Alfred	4	63	..	....	.	2	1	12	60	1	4000	1	1200	1100	....	....	22	1	23	2	..	..	2	1	....	....	....	....	1	6	1	....	..
Berwick	4	225	..	..	2	1	2	25	185	1	6000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	25	200	5	4	1	5	1	1	2	....	43	5	5	25	10	....	4
Biddeford	7	320	..	6	4	....	1	30	280	1	20000	1	3000	150	....	.....	21	34	55	11	6	6	37	4	....	2	2	41	....	16	25	16	....	13
Bowery Beach	3	29	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....
Buxton and So. Standish	4	44	..	2	..	....	2	12	60	2	2000	2	1300	100	...	.....	12	....	12	1	1	1	1	....	2	..	....	....	1	4	1	....	...
Cornish	9	98	..	1	..	1	1	14	86	1	4500	1	1600	....	....	.....	20	14	34	0	2	1	2	6	....	2	2	2	4	9	4	....	10
Eliot	2	52	..	3	..	....	1	8	60	1	3500	1	1000	50	....	.....	17	3	20	1	1	1	1	3	....	1	13	2	2	9	..	....	..
Goodwin's Mills	6	59	..	4	..	....	1	12	72	1	2000	1	1500	...	...	.....	31	4	35	4	1	1	5	1	....	2	10	....	3	9	..	....	2
Gorham, North Street	2	59	1	1	..	....	1	14	75	1	3000	1	800	.....	.....	.....	38	2	40	1	1	1	1	2	....	1	1	1	4	12	7	....	3
Gorham, School Street	14	85	..	1	..	11	1	12	125	1	8000	..	.....	...	150	500	30	10	40	7	2	1	5	5	....	4	12	22	3	12	6	8	4
Hollis Centre	12	40	..	....	..	1	1	10	79	1	1000	..	.....	..	.....	.....	18	3	21	5	2	1	4	5	....	2	2	1	5	8	..	....	2
Kennebunk & Saco Rd	48	100	1	....	..	4	2	26	175	1	4000	2	1600	....	150	.....	25	19	44	5	3	2	...	6	....	..	7	....	9	15	1	3	3
Kennebunkport, etc	15	105	..	2	1	4	2	26	130	2	8000	1	2500	....	....	1200	45	5	50	4	2	1	15	3	....	8	7	3	5	12	3	....	3
Kezar Falls	2	75	..	....	..	..	1	13	135	1	4000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	5	32	....	1	..	1	2	....	..	....	....	..	4	..	....	....
Kittery, 2d Church	30	77	..	4	..	13	1	17	101	1	4000	..	.....	288	...	....	33	17	50	5	1	1	6	2	....	2	12	....	8	15	5	12	2
Knightville	10	25	1	1	4	....	1	14	80	1	3000	..	.....	150	330	.....	...	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	....	..	....	1	2	4	2	10	....
Newfield	9	91	..	2	..	5	3	24	120	3	4500	1	1000	....	....	.....	13	5	18	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	....	2	8	1	....	2
Ogunquit and Maryl'd R.	5	43	..	4	..	....	1	9	39	2	5000	1	800	....	....	.....	10	...	10	1	1	1	1	...	....	..	1	....	2	2	1	....	....
Old Orchard	12	70	1	2	2	....	1	17	125	1	4000	..	.....	.....	167	80	60	10	70	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	....	88	2	4	2	....	4
Pleasantdale	11	119	..	1	..	..	2	38	195	2	10000	1	1800	145	....	...	37	29	66	10	3	3	5	9	....	3	26	....	10	11	3	175	5
Portland, Chestnut St	89	663	1	9	9	23	1	72	720	1	60000	1	3500	....	5000	.....	525	125	650	60	10	10	80	18	....	60	233	140	36	165	..	1000	25
Portland, Congress St	37	396	..	9	6	11	1	43	363	1	13000	1	4000	....	300	3050	206	44	250	24	4	4	36	5	7	20	78	32	20	60	..	....	9
Portland, Pine St	4	250	..	2	4	8	1	30	240	1	30000	1	5000	....	....	3100	125	31	156	5	2	2	5	5	....	11	69	127	10	40	10	....	....
Portland, West End	11	47	..	1	4	3	1	13	62	1	6000	..	.....	436	....	1150	2	3	5	1	1	1	....	1	....	..	32	15	4	2	..	....	2
Portland, Peaks Island	17	41	..	....	1	....	1	14	75	1	2500	..	.....	....	....	.....	3	13	16	2	1	1	...	3	3	1	....	....	4	10	3	35	2
Saco	25	237	2	2	3	11	1	23	250	1	15000	..	.....	113	....	.....	230	40	270	10	2	3	10	11	....	2	50	205	15	45	..	30	14
Sanford	14	52	2	....	5	1	1	16	125	1	3000	..	.....	...	484	....	15	15	30	2	..	..	2	3	....	1	2	30	2	8	2	....	2
South Berwick	20	111	1	2	..	1	1	15	102	1	10000	..	.....	....	....	.....	41	19	60	5	1	1	8	3	....	1	18	....	7	20	2	....	4
South Biddeford, etc	3	30	..	1	..	....	1	8	57	2	2000	1	300	....	....	.....	...	4	4	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	1	....	..	....	....
So. Eliot & Kittery 1st C.	4	60	..	....	..	1	2	20	100	2	5000	1	2000	100	....	....	....	6	6	1	1	..	2	3	....	..	....	2	3	4	..	....	....
South Portland	41	132	..	1	7	7	1	83	330	1	10000	1	2500	50	....	1500	45	45	90	8	2	2	8	8	....	3	16	16	10	25	4	65	....
Westbrook	8	260	1	2	6	4	1	20	200	1	15000	1	2800	....	450	2050	100	50	150	5	2	1	8	7	....	11	3	....	10	25	3	34	2
West Kennebunk	13	37	..	....	..	....	1	13	78	1	2400	..	.....	43	....	.....	16	10	26	17	1	1	5	2	2	1	....	....	2	11	..	....	3
West Scarboro, etc	...	35	..	....	..	....	1	11	48	1	1000	1	1000	....	....	.....	...	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	4	6	..	....	....
Woodfords & E. Deering	25	173	..	4	3	6	2	31	226	1	13000	1	3700	294	....	.....	86	15	101	5	2	2	7	5	1	20	41	90	11	33	10	....	8
York	17	79	..	1	..	....	1	14	98	1	8000	1	3000	....	350	500	50	15	65	1	1	1	1	6	....	1	14	....	7	16	1	....	....
Saco Ferry	4	17	..	....	..	....	1	6	25	1	1500	..	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
District Totals	541	4399	11	70	59	119	45	727	5317	45	300900	25	46700	3019	7381	13130	2084	642	2726	222	65	55	270	138	21	167	735	784	230	664	98	1372	128

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiencies.	Sup. of P. Eld's. Amt. Apport'ed.	Sup. of P. Eld's. Amt. Paid.	Sup. of Bis'ops. Amt. Apport'ed.	Sup. of Bis'ops. Amt. Paid.	Con. Cl'nts. R. from. Collections.	Con. Cl'nts. R. from. Endowments.	Con. Cl'nts. R. from. Other Sources.	Con. Cl'nts. Total.	Cur. Ex. Ch.: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Cur. Ex. S. S.: Leaves, Lesson Books, etc.
Alfred	T. N. Kewley	525	75	600	525	75	600	...	20	20	8	1	6	..	..	6	60	30
Berwick	W. P. Merrill	756	144	900	756	144	900	...	48	48	14	5	25	..	...	25	300	18
Biddeford	H. E. Frohock	1100	300	1400	1100	300	1400	...	100	100	16	16	25	..	...	25	400	100
Bowery Beach	John Gibson	300	50	350	300	50	350	...	12	12	4	....	..	..	..	....	23	8
Buxton and South Standish	Sup. W. Cashmore	425	50	475	425	50	475	...	20	20	5	1	4	..	...	4	45	11
Cornish	I. A. Bean	503	100	600	500	100	600	...	29	29	7	4	9	..	...	9	75	20
Eliot	E. W. Kennison	500	75	575	500	75	575	.	28	14	8	2	9	..	...	9	80	18
Goodwin's Mills	W. H. Barber	400	100	500	400	100	500	...	22	22	6	3	9	..	...	9	84	16
Gorham, North Street	W. F. Marshall	450	50	500	450	50	500	...	28	28	7	4	12	..	...	12	49	19
Gorham, School Street	E. C. Strout	600	....	600	700	....	700	.	26	26	8	3	12	..	...	12	315	70
Hollis Center	Sup. G. F. Cobb	400	...	400	400	....	400	...	20	20	5	5	8	..	..	8	12	27
Kennebunk and Saco Road	W. P. Lord	625	100	725	625	100	725	...	33	33	9	9	15	..	...	15	90	75
Kennebunkp't & C. Porpoise	H. L. Nichols	650	150	800	650	150	800	.	39	39	9	5	12	..	...	12	95	91
Kezar Falls	M. E. King	600	60	660	600	60	660	...	25	20	8	....	4	..	...	4	40	45
Kittery, Second Church	D. F. Faulkner	570	84	654	570	84	654	...	28	28	8	8	15	..	..	15	176	58
Knightville	L. H. Bean	400	....	400	400	....	400	...	12	12	2	2	4	..	...	4	40	50
Newfield	Robert Lawton	510	50	560	510	50	560	...	35	35	7	2	8	..	...	8	80	12
Ogunquit & Maryland Ridge	A. Crain	430	....	430	430	....	430	...	18	12	4	2	2	..	...	2	12	12
Old Orchard	Walter Canham	575	125	700	575	125	700	...	28	28	9	2	4	..	...	4	86	26
Pleasantdale	W. S. Jones	675	125	800	67,	125	800	...	36	36	10	10	11	..	...	11	178	74
Portland, Chestnut Street	C. W. Parsons	2500	500	3000	2500	500	3000	...	165	165	36	36	165	..	..	165	1600	500
Portland, Congress Street	G. D. Lindsay	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	...	90	90	20	20	60	..	...	60	500	300
Portland, Pine Street	F. C. Rogers	1200	400	1600	1200	400	1600	...	98	98	21	10	40	..	...	40	600	170
Portland, West End	Sup. F. A. Leitch	474	126	600	474	126	600	...	18	18	4	4	2	..	...	2	72	41
Portland, Peak's Island	F. W. Smith	500	....	500	460	...	460	40	23	23	6	4	10	..	...	10	100	51
Saco	A. A. Lewis	1000	180	1180	1000	180	1180	...	75	75	15	15	45	..	...	45	450	82
*Sanford	G. F. Millward	432	96	528	432	96	528	.	20	20	5	2	8	..	..	8	30	73
South Berwick	H. Hewett	670	130	800	670	130	800	...	35	35	8	7	20	..	...	20	200	41
S. Biddef'd, The Pool, Oak R.		130	....	130	130	....	130	...	14	13	1	1	...	...	...	....	45	12
S. Eliot and Kittery, 1st Ch.	Daniel Pratt	600	100	700	600	100	700	...	30	25	6	3	4	..	...	4	100	60
South Portland	W. Wood	700	100	800	700	100	800	...	44	44	10	10	15	10	..	25	200	170
Westbrook	C. C. Phelan	1300	200	1500	1300	200	1500	...	70	70	13	10	25	..	...	25	518	130
West Kennebunk	Sup H. L. Williams	440	60	500	440	60	500	...	19	19	5	2	11	..	...	11	45	10
West Scarboro	Sup. T. C. Chapman	400	75	475	358	75	433	42	15	10	7	....	6	..	...	6	25	8
Woodfords and East Deering	J. R. Clifford	820	180	1000	820	180	1000	...	44	44	11	11	33	..	...	33	382	134
York	James Wright	650	175	825	650	175	825	...	33	33	12	7	16	..	.	16	135	30
Saco Ferry	Sup. T. P. Adams & A. W. Pottle	130	....	130	130	....	130	...	5	5	....	....	...	..	..	....	15	12
District Totals		24237	4260	28497	24255	4260	28515	82	1405	1379	334	226	654	10	...	664	7257	2604

TABLE 1. RECAPITULATION. TABLE 4.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		S. SCH'LS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
																MISSIONS.			Board Ch. Exten'n	S. S. Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & S. Education Soc'y.	EDUC'N.			American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	*Episcopal Fund.	*Conf'ce Claim'ts.	Gen. Conf'ce Ex.	Other Collections.	Church Aid.
	No. Probationers.	Full Membership.	No. Local Preach's	No. Deaths.	Children Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Pd. building & improving Ch's & P.	Pd. on old indebtedness on Ch. Pro.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Prop'y.	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School	Total.					(a) Child'ns Fund.	(b) Oth'r Ed'al Obj								
Augusta District.....	703	3505	17	77	17	267	54	547	4036	44	164700	25	43100	6240	1367	4119	1040	287	1327	148	36	36	183	95	27	84	285	367	151	447	84	838	83
Lewiston "	514	3242	21	60	37	202	60	624	3739	55	179650	28	36350	3986	2392	7762	874	263	1137	104	31	31	155	136	12	72	348	349	157	352	79	27	80
Portland "	541	4399	11	70	59	119	45	727	5317	45	300900	25	46700	3019	7381	13130	2084	642	2726	222	65	55	270	138	21	167	735	784	230	664	98	1372	128
Conference Totals.	1758	11146	49	207	113	588	159	1898	13092	144	645250	78	126150	13245	11140	25011	3998	1192	5190	474	132	122	608	369	60	323	1368	1500	538	1463	261	2237	291

TABLE 3. RECAPITULATION.

NAME OF DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDER.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUP. P. EL'RS.		SUP. BISH'S		CON. CLAIM'TS.				C'T. EXPEN.	
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS.													
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Amt. Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amt. Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Received from Collections.	Received from Endowments.	Received from Other Sources.	Total.	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Augusta District.....	J. B. Lapham.....	17359	3036	20395	16790	3036	19826	569	1118	1069	198	151	443	....	4	447	3493	1362
Lewiston "	J. A. Corey.....	20247	3329	23576	19475	3329	22804	772	1373	1286	260	157	333	....	19	352	4021	1417
Portland "	G. R. Palmer.....	24237	4260	28497	24255	4260	28515	82	1405	1379	334	226	654	10	....	664	7257	2604
	Conference Totals.....	61843	10625	72468	60520	10625	71145	1423	3896	3734	792	534	1430	10	23	1463	14771	5383

HISTORICAL.

INTRODUCTION.

Our church is constantly making history. In the past too many precious facts entrusted solely to fading memory have been lost. The publisher of the Minutes believes a restricted department of history should be added to the Minutes. The following cuts and brief sketches are the beginning of such a department.

That mother church of Portland and vicinity, Chestnut Street, celebrated her centennial during the past year. Our plan included a sketch of this church; but a letter to her pastor received no reply, hence the omission.

FIRST METHODIST MEETING HOUSE BUILT IN MAINE.

(The drawing of this Engraving was made by REV. E. R. FRENCH, from memory, and represents the church after it was repaired in 1825.)

THE FIRST METHODIST CHAPEL IN MAINE.

The Augusta Preachers' meeting convened at East Readfield, June 24–26, 1895, to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the first Methodist Chapel built in Maine. The sessions were held in the original structure, twice re-modeled. Sermons were preached by Revs. F. C. Norcross and W. B. Eldridge, and papers were presented as follows.

Readfield Circuit, by Rev. D. B. Holt: The Church at East Readfield, by C. A. Mace: Jesse Lee, by Rev. C. S. Cummings: The N. E. Conference Session of 1798, by Rev. C. F. Allen: History of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, by Rev. E. R. French: Changes in Methodism, by Rev. C. F. Parsons: Some Early Preachers of the Readfield Circuit, by Rev. S. Hooper: What does the Preparation of the Sermon Include? Rev. W. B. Eldridge. But a handful of members now reside in the vicinity of this church, located as it is in a farming district, away from any centre. But this handful entered heartily into the arrangements and furnished a bounteous entertainment for all.

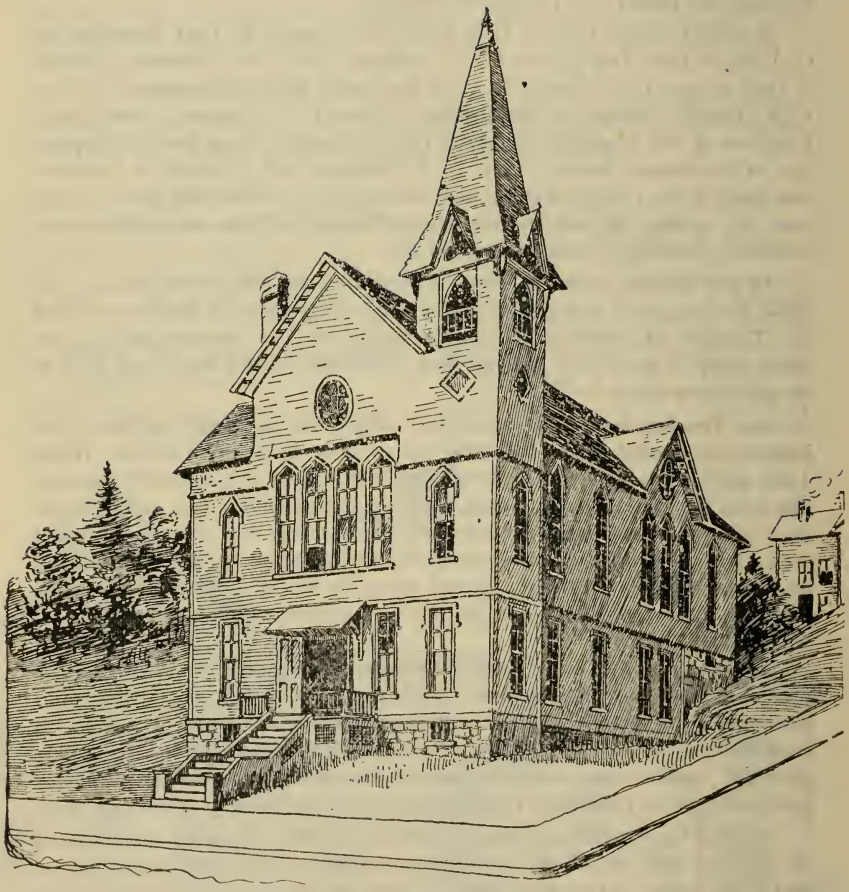
Of this building Jesse Lee wrote, "I tarried in town (Readfield), all day (Saturday, Nov. 15, 1794), and went to look at our meeting-house. It is almost covered in. Through my influence the people began this last summer, and it is now nearly ready to preach in. It is the first Methodist meeting-house ever built in the province of Maine."

On Tuesday, June 21st, 1795, this church was dedicated by Lee. The building was erected on the top of the hill north of where it now stands. It was a two story structure, heavily timbered, and had the solid ledge for its foundation. The pews were square, boxes indeed, with seats on the four sides except at the door. The children entered the pew first, and sat facing their parents, who faced the preacher looking down at them from the circular pulpit, the top of which was ten feet from the floor. The church was heated by the old fashioned foot-stoves. Each family brought its own and placed it in the centre of the pew for the equal benefit of all.

In 1825, under Samuel Morrill's direction, the church was moved to its present site and thorougly repaired. Fifty yoke of oxen drew the building to its present site. A porch was added containing vestibule and stairs. The stairs led from each outside door to a landing above, from which stairs led to the galleries. New and modern pews took the place in the audience room of the old square pews, which were transferred to the gallery where the Sunday School was held.

In 1857 the structure underwent extensive repairs. The porch was removed; the galleries with the interior were taken out: the building was lowered five feet and partly turned so that the former east end now faces the south; a belfry and spire were added, and the whole was finished as seen to-day.

The most excellent paper of C. A. Mace was published in Zion's Herald of July 24, 1895.



CHURCH AT BERLIN, N. H.

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Berlin, N. H., is a rapidly growing manufacturing centre on the banks of the Androscoggin in Coos county. Its population in 1880 was 1,144, in 1890, 3,729, and the estimated population in 1896 is 6,000.

In the spring of 1888 the church needs of this thrifty community led to the appointment of Rev. J. Nixon to Gorham and Berlin. A class was soon formed. The first meetings were held in the home of Mr. Virgil Lane, who has been an active promoter of the church work there. Increased attendance sent the young society to a room in the Day Block; then to "Epworth Hall" in Whitney Opera House Block.

Rev. W. P. Merrill succeeded Mr. Nixon in 1889, and the church so strengthened during his three years' pastorate that it felt strong enough to stand alone, so in 1892 Rev. M. B. Greenhalgh, a local preacher, was appointed to Berlin, N. H. A membership of thirty-seven was reported in the Minutes of '93. The Universalist church was now hired and used until the spring of 1895. During the pastorate of Mr. Greenhalgh a lot for a church was donated by the Green Land and Aqueduct Co., and in the fall of 1894, the church edifice was commenced and the large vestry was occupied for services in the following March. The Minutes of 1895 report the cost of the unfinished church as $3,100, and the indebtedness $2,100, but Mr. W. W. Brown of the Berlin Mills Co., had pledged the last $500 of the cost of the building.

Rev. F. C. Potter was appointed to this charge in the spring of 1895. During that year the church was finished at an expense of $1,100, and was dedicated Oct. 2, 1895. Rev. J. A. Corey, presiding elder of the district, preached the sermon, and former pastors Merrill and Greenhalgh were present and took part in the services. The vestry on the first floor will seat 125, and the audience room with adjacent vestry, seats 350.

HIGH STREET M. E. CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, AUBURN.

AUBURN M. E. CHURCH.

The Conference of 1896 was royally entertained by our Church at Auburn. The following historic facts were gleaned from an article in the "Church News" published by the pastor of the Auburn Church.

In 1860 Methodism in Auburn was represented by a class of about thirty members, with Bro. W. L. Davis as leader, all members of the Lewiston church. In the spring of 1861, Auburn was made a charge, and Rev. J. L. Morse was appointed pastor. The new society occupied the old "meeting house" of the Congregationalists, which they had abandoned when their new edifice on High street was completed. Two years later, in 1863, plans were made for a church edifice, and in 1864 the Hampshire St., M. E. Church, located on the corner of Hampshire and Spring streets, was dedicated.

For the next twenty years this church's history was one of alternate success and apparent failure. Faithful preachers were stationed here, and were aided by a small though loyal band of Christian workers: but discouragements so multiplied that near the close of this period some even advised the disbanding of the church.

Splendid spiritual results had been achieved during these twenty years: but the unfavorable location of the church edifice, and its growing dilapidated condition were in such striking contrast with the well located, modern edifices of other denominations, that a constant exodus from Hampshire Street was occasioned.

In 1883 the condition of this church attracted the attention of our Conference. A Conference Church Aid society was formed to render financial aid in securing a suitable church building. Rev. Ira G. Sprague felt called to Auburn to what many thought a hopeless work. For support he volunteered to accept the offerings of the people, and to donate one-half of this towards a new church. He entered upon his work with hope and vigor. At an auction sale he purchased, on his own account, the most desirable lots for a church in the city. His devotion and courage stimulated the small membership to new life and hope, and aroused the interest of the community and the Conference in the enterprise. After months of heroic work by pastor and people the new edifice was completed and dedicated in 1884. It is located on High St., and is one of the neatest and best appointed church buildings in the connection. Its cost was about $14,000, and it is free from debt.

Bro. Sprague was compelled by sickness to resign his work during the year, and Rev. S. Allen succeeded him until Conference.

In 1887 a fine parsonage, valued at $5.000, was built on the lot adjoining the church. The growth of the society in all departments has been steady since the building of the new edifice; and today it is one of the strongest and most aggressive societies in our Conference.

The pastors in this new period, in the order of their service, have been, G. D. Lindsay, A. S. Ladd, H. Hewitt, F. C. Rogers, and E. S. Stackpole.

Much of this church's success is due to the patient devotion, generous giving, wise counsel, constant interest, and persistent self-sacrificing labors of Geo. P. Martin.

W. F. B.

SESSIONS OF THE MAINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Session.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1.	Gardiner	July 7, 1825	George	Oliver Beale.
2.	Bucksport	July 6, 1826	George	Oliver Beale.
3.	Portland, Chestnut St.	July 5, 1827	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
4.	Vienna	August 14, 1828	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
5.	Gardiner	July 9, 1829	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
6.	Portland, Chestnut St	June 9, 1830	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
7.	Hallowell	June 8, 1831	Soule	Justin Spaulding.
8.	Bucksport	July 18, 1832	Roberts	Justin Spaulding.
9.	Bath, Wesley Church	July 3, 1833	Hedding	Justin Spaulding.
10.	Gardiner	July 2, 1834	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
11.	Bangor	July 1, 1835	Emory	Oliver Beale.
12.	Portland, Chestnut St.	August 3, 1836	Hedding	Wm. H. Norris.
13.	Hallowell	June 28, 1837	Waugh	Gershom F. Cox.
14.	Wiscasset	June 27, 1838	Hedding	Gershom F. Cox.
15.	Hampden	June 26, 1839	Waugh	Gershom F. Cox.
16.	Kent's Hill, Readfield	July 22, 1840	Soule	Charles W. Morse.
17.	Skowhegan	July 21, 1841	Hedding	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
18.	Gardiner	July 20, 1842	Waugh	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
19.	Bath, Wesley Church	July 19, 1843	Hedding	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
20.	Bangor	August 14, 1844	Hedding	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
21.	Portland, Chestnut St	July 15, 1845	Janes	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
22.	Hallowell	July 1, 1846	Waugh	John Hobart.
23.	Saco	June 30, 1847	Hedding	John Hobart.
24.	Portland, Chestnut St.	July 19, 1848	Hedding	John Hobart.
25.	Augusta	July 11, 1849	Morris	John Hobart.
26.	Kennebunkport	July 10, 1850	Morris	Daniel B. Randall.
27.	Winthrop	July 9, 1851	Hamline	Daniel B. Randall.
28.	Portland, Chestnut St.	June 23, 1852	Waugh	Charles F. Allen.
29.	Biddeford	May 25, 1853	Janes	Charles F. Allen.
30.	Skowhegan	May 24, 1854	Baker	Charles F. Allen.
31.	Bath, Wesley Church	May 23, 1855	Janes	Charles F. Allen.
32.	Gardiner	July 2, 1856	Waugh	Charles F. Allen.
33.	Saco	April 22, 1857	Baker	Asahel Moore.
34.	Farmington	April 21, 1858	Scott	Asahel Moore.
35.	Lewiston	April 27, 1859	Ames	Asahel Moore.
36.	Gorham	April 4, 1860	Baker	Asahel Moore.
37.	South Paris	May 1, 1861	Scott	Asahel Moore.
38.	Portland, Chestnut St.	April 30, 1862	Baker	Asahel Moore.
39.	Portland, Chestnut St.	April 22, 1863	Simpson	Asahel Moore.
40.	Bath, Wesley Church	April 14, 1864	Scott	Asahel Moore.
41.	Hallowell	May 3, 1865	Clark	Asahel Moore.
42.	Lewiston	May 9, 1866	Ames	Asahel Moore.
43.	Bath, Beacon Street	May 2, 1867	Scott	Charles F. Allen.
44.	Brunswick	April 15, 1868	Simpson	Charles F. Allen.
45.	Saccarappa	May 5, 1869	Clark	Charles C. Mason.
46.	Augusta	May 4, 1870	Simpson	Parker Jaques.
47.	Portland, Chestnut St.	April 27, 1871	Ames	Parker Jaques.
48.	Gardiner	April 10, 1872	Janes	Parker Jaques.
49.	Skowhegan	May 7, 1873	Haven	Parker Jaques.
50.	Biddeford	May 6, 1874	Simpson	Parker Jaques.
51.	Bath, Wesley Church	May 5, 1875	Andrews	Parker Jaques.
52.	Lewiston	April 19, 1876	Haven	Parker Jaques.
53.	Gardiner	April 25, 1877	Scott	Charles J. Clark.
54.	Farmington	April 24, 1878	Merrill	Charles J. Clark.
55.	Portland, Pine St.	April 23, 1879	Foster	Charles J. Clark.
56.	Saco	April 14, 1880	Bowman	Charles J. Clark.
57.	Portland, Congress St.	April 27, 1881	Peck	Charles J. Clark.
58.	Augusta	April 26, 1882	Andrews	Geo. C. Andrews.
59.	Lewiston, Hammond St.	April 25, 1883	Foss	Geo. C. Andrews.
60.	Bath, Wesley Church	April 16, 1884	Foster	Geo. C. Andrews.
61.	Biddeford	April 22, 1885	Harris	eo. C. Andrews.
62.	Bridgton	April 29, 1886	Warren	Geo. C. Andrews.
63.	Waterville	April 28, 1887	Walden	Geo. C. Andrews.
64.	Portland, Chestnut St.	April 11, 1888	Fowler	Geo. C. Andrews.
65.	Lewiston, Park Street	April 24, 1889	Hurst	Wilbur F. Berry.
66.	Bath, Beacon Street	April 23, 1890	Andrews	Wilbur F. Berry.
67.	Brunswick	April 22, 1891	Foster	Wilbur F. Berry.
68.	Augusta	April 13, 1892	Goodsell	Wilbur F. Berry.
69.	Westbrook	April 12, 1893	Ninde	Wilbur F. Berry.
70.	Skowhegan	April 18, 1894	Foss	Wilbur F. Berry.
71.	Saco	May 2, 1895	Bowman	Wilbur F. Berry.
72.	Auburn	April 8, 1896	Merrill	Wilbur F. Berry.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

DELEGATES.

The Maine Conference was organized in 1825, and the following is a complete list of the delegates sent from the Maine Conference to the General Conference. The list of the reserves is not given:

Pittsburg, 1828. E. Wells, D. Kilburn, E. Streeter, S. Lovell, E. Wiley, H. Nickerson.

Philadelphia, 1832. O. Beal, E. Streeter, J. Lord, B. Jones, D. Hutchinson, J. Spaulding, W. Marsh, W. H. Norris, S. Bray, P. Burgess, E. Robinson.

Cincinnati, 1836. C. Baker, W. H. Norris, R. E. Shermerhorn, J. Spaulding, G. Webber, J. B. Husted, Moses Hill.

Baltimore, 1840. E. Robinson, D. B. Randall, W. C. Larabee, M. Hill, B. Jones, R. H. Bailey.

New York, 1844. M. Hill, E. Robinson, C. W. Morse, D. B. Randall, J. Hobart, H. Nickerson, G. Webber.

Pittsburg, 1848. J. H. Jenne, G. Webber, E. Shaw, H. Nickerson, W. Marsh, E. B. Fletcher, W. F. Farrington, M. Hill.

Boston, 1852. S. Allen, G. Webber, A. Sanderson, C. C. Cone, J. H. Jenne.

Indianapolis, 1856. S. Allen, D. B. Randall, A. Sanderson, W. F. Farrington.

Buffalo, 1860. H. B. Abbott, C. C Cone, H. M. Blake, H. P. Torsey.

Philadelphia, 1864. C. F. Allen, G. Webber, J. Colby, H. M. Blake.

Chicago, 1868. H. P. Torsey, C. Munger, J. Colby, C. F. Allen.

Brooklyn, 1872. P. Jaques, S. Allen, C. Munger, S. F. Wetherbee.
Lay Delegates—Wm. Deering, F. A. Plaisted.

Baltimore, 1876. P. Jaques, H. P. Torsey, S. S. F. Wetherbee.
Laymen—J. J. Perry, Moses French.

Cincinnati, 1880. A. S. Ladd, W. S. Jones, C. J. Clark.
Laymen—J. B. Donnell, C. Purington.

Philadelphia, 1884. C. J. Clark, A. W. Pottle, W. S. Jones.
Laymen—H. K. Baker, Z. H. Blair.

*New York, 1888. C. J. Clark, E. T. Adams, A. W. Pottle.
Laymen—W. L. Daggett, J. B. Donnell.

Omaha, 1892. W. F. Berry, J. B. Lapham.
Laymen—F. H. Beale, E. S. Crosby.

*Cleveland, 1896. G. D. Lindsay, W. F. Berry, D. B. Holt.
Laymen—W. W. Merrill, W. H. Miles.

*C. J. Clark died during the session, and A. W. Pottle took his place.
W. F. Berry was detained and D. B. Holt took his place.

DIRECTORY.

EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	*Presidents Epworth L'gue.*	*S. S. Superintendents.*
Augusta,	O. H. Grover,	A. D. Russell.
E. Livermore and North Fayette,		F. E. Richards.
Fairfield and Fairfield Centre,	E. A. Belt,	L. R. Brown.
Farmington,	Walter B. Prescott,	O. D. Clark.
Fairbanks,		D. S. Bragg.
Gardiner,	Bertha Church,	E. C. H. Smith.
Hallowell,	W. H. Perry,	J. W. Church.
Industry, etc. (West Mills, P. O.)	Rev. A. S. Staples,	
Kent's Hill,	Rev. H. E. Frohock,	C. W. Blackman.
		C. W. Gallagher.
Readfield Corner,	Rev. H. E. Frohock,	W. A. Wright, M. D.
Kingfield and Salem,		O. J. Sanders.
Livermore,		E. Parsons.
Hartford,		L. Parsons,
Livermore Falls,	O. S. Harvey,	H. D. Parker.
Madison,		J. H. Lord.
Monmouth,		H. Smith.
Mt. Vernon and Vienna,	Rev. E. Gerry,	Rev. E. Gerry.
New Sharon & Farmington Falls,		Winnie Dutton.
North Anson,		E. Bailey.
North Augusta,		A. N. Dyer.
Oakland,	Rev. C. Purinton,	P. A. Manson.
West Sidney,		C. C. Morrill.
Phillips,		Rev. W. A. Nottage.
Richmond,	Mr. Mabel McFee,	B. F. Curtis.
Skowhegan,	Miss Alda French,	I. J. Smith.
Solon,		F. Magoun,
Strong,	O. B. Small,	W. L. Daggett,
Freeman,		A. P. Carville.
Temple,		C. F. Locklin.
Waterville,	Harry D. Bryant,	Miss S. A. Copp.
Wayne.	F. L. Chenery, M. D.,	S. Pettengill.
Wilton,	W. H. S. Ellingwood,	H. R. Dascomb.
North Jay,		W. J. Erskin.
Winthrop,	Rev. S. Hooper,	D. Gordon.

LEWISTON DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	*Presidents Epworth L'gue*	*S. S. Superintendents.*
Andover,	Mrs. W. H. Varney,	W. L. Hanson.
Auburn,	F. A. Corey,	F. A. Corey.
Baldwin,		No. 1, Rev. R. S. Leard.
Baldwin,		No. 2, Geo. Richardson.
East Hiram,	Mrs. Mary Rankin,	Miss Fannie Burnell.
Bath, Beacon Street,	Miss. Ella Douglass,	S. S. Strout.
Bath, Wesley Church,	S. F. Dukeshire,	A. A. Morse.
Berlin, N. H.,	E. L. Jewell,	E. L. Jewell.
Bethel,	Miss Alice Bean,	C. O. Foster.
Mason, P. O. West Bethel,	Miss Nellie Bean,	Frank Abbott.
Bowdoinham,	C. W. Sedgeley,	R. C. Brown.
Bridgton,	Rev. D. B. Holt,	A. L. Bangs.
Denmark,		Rev. A. H. Williams.
Brunswick,	B. F. Harmon,	E. L. Crawford.
Buckfield,		J. Hutchinson.
Chebeague,		Rev. A. C. Trafton.
Conway, N. H.,	Geo. W. Tasker,	H. N. Snell.
Conway Centre, N. H.,		Henry Garland.
Cumberland,		Reuben Brackett.
Falmouth,		Mrs. Flora Starling.
Yarmouthville,		E. H. Boynton.
E. N. Yarmouth,		E. M. Lombard.
Empire,	Miss Ella McCann,	H. M. Dunn.
Minot,		Rev. C. Purinton.
Fryeburg, P. O. Harbor, Me.,		Mrs. G. A. Bradley.
Stow,		W. F. Emery.
Gorham, N. H.,	Miss Lottie Fisk,	Mrs. Florence E. Stewart.
West Harpswell,	Miss Ella Randall,	J. B. Dunham.
Orr's Island,		S. C. Prince.
Lewiston,	A. P. Norton,	Percy Babcock.
Lisbon,	Mrs. V. J. White,	E. M. Gerrish.
Lisbon Falls,	W. F. Kilgore,	No. 1, Geo. Canham.
		No. 2, Emmanuel Taylor.
Locke's Mills,		W. F. Carr.
Long Island,		Geo. Hughey.
Mechanic Falls,	Rev. T. P. Baker,	J. E. Saunders.
Naples,		Rev. H. A. Peare.
North Conway, N. H.,	Mrs. Mark E. Lucy,	Mark E. Lucy.
Bartlett, N. H.		B. W. Sawyer.
Norway,	H. A. Corson,	H. E. Gibson.
Oxford,	A. J. Holden,	Rev. J. B. Howard.

Welchville,		Charles King.
Rumford Centre,		Grant Wood.
Rumford Falls,	R. Bolt,	J. F. DeCosta.
South Paris,	C. L. Buck,	Rev. I. A. Bean.
South Waterford,		Rev. W. Bragg.
North Auburn,		C. W. Skillings.
North Cumberland,		Mrs. Martha A. Webster.
West Durham,		J. E. Hasty.
North Pownal,	Miss Edith Libby,	Charles Fogg.
West Paris,	Fred Cole,	George W. Bryant.
North Paris,		A. P. Andrews.
Greenwood,		S. Cole.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	*Presidents Epworth L'gue.*	*S. S. Superintendents.*
Alfred,	Maynard Clough,	Mrs. Marion Stinson.
Berwick,	Charles Bryant,	J. B. Brackett.
Biddeford,	Mabel G. Roberts,	C. C. Tibbetts.
Bowery Beach,		Mrs. Rosa Wheeler.
Buxton,		Mrs. A. E. Paine.
South Standish,		Miss Susie Abbott.
Cornish,	S. W. Hussey,	John Clark.
Eliot,	Annie E. Raitt,	J. F. Paul.
Goodwin's Mills,	Edward Whitehouse,	Mrs. Nellie Barber.
Gorham, North Street,		Charles H. Johnson.
Gorham, School Street,	Mrs. Addie I. Andrews,	M. C. Burnell.
Hollis Centre,	J. E. Wakefield,	J. E. Wakefield.
Kennebunk,	Rev. W. P. Lord,	Charles W. Cousins.
Saco Road,	S. E. Sinnott,	Rev. W. P. Lord.
Kennebunkport,	E. H. Atkins,	E. H. Atkins.
Cape Porpoise,		Payson T. Huff.
Kezar Falls,	Walter Ridlon,	Hermon T. Fox.
Kittery, Second Church,	Millie Damon,	U. G. Sweet.
Knightville,	*J. E. Pollard,	Ervin E. Soule.
Newfield,	Annie Lawton,	Miss Mary R. Straw.
Ogunquit,		
Maryland Ridge,		Anderson Crain.
Old Orchard,	Fred I. Luce,	Rev. W. Canham.
Pleasantdale,	Walter Huston,	J. F. Chaplin.
Pleasantdale, Elm Street.	*John A. S. Dyer,	Charles W. Smith.
Portland, Chestnut Street,	John Loveitt,	I. Newton Halliday.
Portland, Pine Street,	Charles Lang,	E. E. Cheney.
Portland, Congress Street,	*S. R. Morrill,	G. M. Donham.

Portland, Peak's Island,	*J. W. Brackett,	W. J. Fraser.
Portland, West End,	W. S. McGeoch.	Hiram Van Blarcombe.
Saco,	John A. Libbey,	A. T. Lord.
Saco Ferry,		G. McKenney.
Sanford,	Rev. T. Whiteside,	L. D. Glass.
South Berwick,	Rev. H. Hewitt,	F. W. George.
Biddeford Pool,	Ama A. Slye,	Ama A. Slye.
South Eliot,		Miss Lizzie Spinney.
Kittery, First Church,	Hattie Pierce,	Mrs. Mary A. Wilson.
South Portland,	J. F. Merriman,	Z. C. Manter.
Westbrook,	Maurice F. Bragdon,	B. G. Pride.
West Kennebunk,	Zera Jones,	J. W. Treadwell.
East Scarboro,	Laura J. Roberts,	Rev. T. C. Chapman.
Woodfords,	George E. Knight,	B. Ray Frohock.
East Deering,	*Mrs. Alice Colley.	W. W. Merrill.
York,	Lizzie Baker,	G. W. S. Putnam.

*The star before the name of Young Peoples Society President indicates Y. P. S. C. E. Society.

WIDOWS OF DECEASED PREACHERS.

Mrs. S. Allen,	Winthrop.
" C. Andrews,	Gray.
" J. Armstrong,	Interlachen, Florida.
" F. A. Bragdon,	Kennebunk.
" E. F. Blake,	Spencer, Wisconsin.
" D. Church,	Farmington.
" C. J. Clark,	146 Neal Street, Portland.
" N. C. Clifford,	Monmouth.
" C. C. Cone,	Bowdoinham.
" C. C. Covel,	North Pownal.
" John Cobb,	Gorham.
" A. Cook,	Sanford.
" J. Fairbanks,	Starks.
" B. Freeman,	Old Orchard.
" L. P. French,	Rumford Center.
" A. Hatch,	Saco.
" N. Hobart,	237 Brackett Street, Portland.
" P. Hoyt,	Rumford Center.
" T. Hillman,	North Paris.
" E. W. Hutchinson,	
" H. L. Linscott,	Milford, Kansas.
" E. H. McKenney,	Saugus, Massschusetts.
" E. Martin,	Lewiston.
" C. C. Mason,	Hallowell.
" A. E. Parlin,	Bethel.
" B. F. Pease,	Cornish.
" E. A. Porter,	Pembroke.
" S. R. Russell,	Northville, New York.
" C. Stone,	Kent's Hill.
" O. H. Stevens,	West Kennebunk.
" E. Shaw,	97 Danforth Street, Portland.
" E. Smith,	Brunswick.
" Jesse Stone,	Nerth Berwick.
" J. W. True,	Foxcroft.
" H. P. Torsey,	Kent's Hill.
" J. E. Walker,	Livermore Falls.
" M. Wight,	South Paris.

LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Local Preachers' Association of the Maine Conference was held at Auburn during the session of the Annual Conference, President A. W. Waterhouse presiding.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we smypathize with our dear brother, C. M. Abbott, in his affliction. We pray that he may receive the consolation of the Divine One. We would remind him that "God does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men;" but that "all things work together for good to those who love God."

Resolved, That this association sympathizes with our dear brother, W. H. H. McAllister, who is prevented from meeting with us on account of the sickness of his wife. We pray that she may soon be restored to her usual health through the Divine blessing.

Resolved, That we sympathize with dear brother G. G. Powers on account of his long and severe sickness. We pray that the consolation of the religion of Jesus Christ may be granted him, and that he may soon be restored to health.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to reduce the number of the Presiding Elders' districts.

C. H. Young, M. K. Mabry and A. W. Waterhouse were made a committee to arrange for a series of evangelistic services during the autumn.

OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:

President, A. W. Waterhouse; Vice Presidents, W. H. H. McAllister, M. B. Greenhalgh, C. A. Laughton; Executive Committee, M. K. Mabry, R. S. Leard, C. H. Young; Secretary and Treasurer, Joseph Moulton.

M. K. Mabry was elected a delegate to the National Association of Local Preachers. The annual session will be held at Canton, Penn., Sept. 12-16, 1896.

JOSEPH MOULTON, *Secretary*.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

Names of Local Preachers acting as supplies, are found in list of Supplies.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Local Elders.

E. R. French, Fayette.
Marchant Holley, Farmington.
J. P. Roberts, North Anson.

Local Deacons.

J. M. Fogg, Monmouth.
S. F. Emerson, Skowhegan.

Local Preachers.

A. T. Craig, Waterville.
J. A. Fish, Starks.
C. B. Hatch, East Wilton.
Chas. L. Hopkins, Kent's Hill.
O. F. Hutchins, Stratton.
H. E. Trefethren, Kent's Hill.
J. Whiteside, Kent's Hill.

LEWISTON DISTRICT.

Local Elders.

Horace Fales, Lewiston.
J. F. Keith, Rumford Centre.
W. C. Stevens, Lisbon.
A. H. Witham, Denmark.

Local Deacons.

J. F. Woodman. E. N. Yarmouth.

Local Preachers.

Geo. Canham, Lisbon Falls.
J. Hutchinson, Buckfield.
J. Owen, Lisbon Falls.
E. Taylor, Lisbon Falls.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.

Local Elders.

W. H. H. McAllister, Old Orchard.
H. B. Mitchell, Saco.
John Plummer, Portland.
S. B. Sawyer, Sebago Lake.

Local Preachers.

Arthur A. Callaghan, Portland.
C. Longbottom, Sanford.
Thomas B. McDonald, Portland.
James E. Pollard, Portland.
John Wadsworth, Sanford.

EPISCOPAL DIRECTORY.

Residences and Addresses.—The General Conference quadrennially fixes the places of Episcopal residence; the individual location of the bishops is by choice, according to their seniority in office. Their present post office addresses are as follows:

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C. D. FOSS, D. D., LL.D., 2043 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
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WILLIAM TAYLOR, D. D., LL.D., Vivi, Congo, Africa.
J. M. THOBURN, D. D., LL.D., Calcutta, India.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MAINE CONFERENCE.

The letters designate the the present relation: E., Elder; D., Deacon; S., Superannuated; S'y, Supernumerary; P. E., Presiding Elder. The present post-office address is given as far ss known.

1	Adams, True P.	E.	S.	Woodfords.
2	Adams, Enos T.	E.		Lewiston.
3	Allen, Charles F.	E.	S.	Portland, 561 Cumberland Street.
4	Andrews, Geo. C.	E.	S'y.	Saco.
5	Barber, Geo. W.	E.	S.	Bridgton.
6	Barber, William H.	E.		Goodwin's Mills.
7	Bartlett, Willard B.	E.	S.	Mechanic Falls.
8	Bean, Leonard H.	E.		South Portland.
9	Bean, Insley A.	E.		South Paris.
10	Berry, Wilbur F.	E.		Waterville.
11	Bisbee, Charles E.	E.	S.	Spokane, Washington.
12	Blackman, Charles W.	E.	S.	Kent's Hill.
13	Brown, Sylvester D.	E.	S'y.	South Paris.
14	Brooks, Charles A.	E.		Livermore.
15	Bryant, Alphonzo K.	E.		West Paris.
16	Budden, Jabez E.	E.	S.	Norway.
17	Canham, Walter	E.		Old Orchard.
18	Cashmore, William	D.		Bonny Eagle.
19	Center, Nathan D.	E.	S.	Westbrook.
20	Chase, Hezekiah	E.	S'y.	Old Orchard.
21	Chapman, William T.	E.		Solon.
22	Clifford, Howard A.	E.		East Wilton.
23	Clifford, John R.	E.		Woodfords.
24	Cobb, Gershom F.	E.	S'y.	Gorham.
25	Colby, Edmund K.	E.	S.	Gorham.
26	Cole, John P.	E.	S.	East Livermore.
27	Collins, John,	E.	S.	Somersworth, N. H.
28	Corey, J. Albert,	P. E.		Auburn.
29	Crockett, Henry	E.	S.	Chesterville.
30	Cummings, Charles S.	E.		Augusta.
31	Dukeshire, Willard B.	E.		Farmington.
32	Eldridge, William B.	E.		Norway.
33	Emerson, Silas M.	E.	S.	Biddeford.
34	Evans, Charles K.	D.	S.	Madison.
35	Fickett, Benjamin F.	E.		Wilton.

36	Ford, Daniel R.	E.		Wayne.
37	Foster, William H.	E.	S.	Livermore Falls.
38	Frohock, Herbert E.	E.		Kent's Hill.
39	Gallagher, Charles W.	E.		Kent's Hill.
40	Gerry, Elbridge,	E.		Mount Vernon.
41	Gibson, John	E.	S'y.	Bowery Beach.
42	Gowell, Wm. H.	E.		Long Island.
43	Grovenor Francis	E.		Kezar Falls.
44	Hamilton, Alexander	E.		Bethel.
45	Hawks, Joseph	E.	S.	Camb'dg'pt,Mass. 125 Norfolk St.
46	Hewitt, Hosea	E.		South Berwick.
47	Hoit, George	E.	S.	Cliftondale, Mass,
48	Holmes, Gardiner D.	E.		Lisbon.
49	Holmes, Wilbur F.	E.		Brunswick.
50	Holt, David B.	E.		Bridgton.
51	Hooper, Sylvester	E.		Winthrop.
52	Howard, John B.	D.		Oxford.
53	Jones, William S.	E.		Alfred.
54	Kewley, Thomas N.	E.		Strong.
55	Kimball, Ruel H.	E.	S.	Mercer.
56	King, Melvin E.	E.		Monmouth.
57	Kennison, Eugene W.	E.		Eliot.
58	Lapham, John B.	P. E.		Kent's Hill.
59	Lawton, Robert	E.		Yarmouthville.
60	Leitch, Fredrick A.	E.		Portland.
61	Lewis, Albert A.	E.		Saco.
62	Lindsay, George D.	E.		Portland.
63	Lord, Wilmot P.	E.		Kennebunk.
64	Lowe, Gilbert I.	E.		Gorham, N. H.
65	Luce, Israel	E.		Portland.
66	Marshall, Wm. F.	E.		Gorham.
67	Masterman, John R.	E.	S.	Readfield Corner.
68	Merrill, Woodbury P.	E.		Berwick.
69	Miller, D. E.	E.		Bath.
70	Millward, George F.	E.		Cornish.
71	Mooar, Joseph	E.	S.	Wilton.
72	Munger, Charles	E.	S.	Old Orchard.
73	Nixon, James	E.		Richmond.
74	Palmer, George R.	P. E.		Saco.
75	Parsons, Charles F.	E.		Hallowell.
76	Parsons, C. W.	E.		Portland.
77	Patterson, Henry F. A.	E.	S.	Old Orchard.
78	Peare, Henry A.	E.		Naples.
79	Phelan, Chester C.	E.		Westbrook.

80	Pillsbury, Oliver S.	E.		Fairfield.
81	Potter, Frank C.	E.		Berlin, N. H.
82	Pratt, David	E.		South Eliot.
83	Purinton, Cyrus	E.		Oakland.
84	Randall, Daniel B.	E.	S.	Portland.
85	Remick, John R.	E.		Milo.
86	Roberts, John H.	E.		Pleasantdale.
87	Rogers, Fred C.	E.		Portland.
88	Ross, Ira G,	E.	S'y.	447 N. 44th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
89	Shelden, Henry C.	E.		Boston, Mass.
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96	Strout, John A.	E.	S'y.	Lynn, Mass.
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100	Trafton, Asbury C.	E.		Chebeague.
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104	Whittier, True	E.	S.	Belleview, Florida.
105	Williams, Herbert L.	D.		Biddeford,
106	Woodbury, John M.	E.	S.	Old Orchard.
107	Wright, James	E.		York Village.
108	Wood, William	D.		South Portland.
109	Wentworth, B. C.	E.		Skowhegan.

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1	1894.	Jones, Charles E.	North Conway, N. H
2	1894.	Nichols, Herbert L.	Kennebunkport.
3	1895.	Bounds, James H.	Locke's Mills.
4	1895.	Crain Anderson	North Berwick.
5	1895.	Faulkner, Dwight F.	Kittery.
6	1895.	Ford, John A.	Bowery Beach.
7	1895.	Rich, Royal A.	Buckfield.
8	1895.	Sadler, Frank W.	
9	1895.	Varney William H.	Andover.
10	1895.	Hoyle, Joseph L.	Bath.
11	1896.	Baker, Thomas P.	Mechanic Falls.
12	1896.	Leech, Sewell C.	Augusta.
13	1896.	Chapman, Trelawney C.	West Scarboro.
14	1896.	Dunnack, Henry E. L.	Empire.

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Bragg, William	L.	South Waterford.
Congdon, W. H.	E.	Rumford.
Davis, B. V.	L.	East Livermore Mills.
Greenhalgh, M. B.	L.	Cumberland.
Hannaford, G. B.	E.	Rumford Falls.
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Holway, L. I.	L.	New Sharon.
Jordan, J. W.	L.	Kingfield.
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Leard, R. S.	L.	West Baldwin.
Lounsbury, L. M.	L.	Biddeford.
Mabry, M. K.	E.	East North Yarmouth.
McBean, J. T.	L.	West Kennebunk.
Moulton, J.	D.	Bingham.
Norcross, F. C.	L.	Madison.
Nottage, W. A.	E.	Phillips.
Staples, A. S.	L.	West Mills.
Waterhouse, A. W.	E.	South Danville.
Wentworth, W. C.	L.	North Falmouth.
Welch, F. R.,	L.	Newfield.
Young, C. H.	L.	North Auburn.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. After the first morning session the Conference shall convene at 8.30 A. M. for one-half hour's devotional service, the leader of each meeting to be appointed by the Bishop.

2. The business session of the Conference shall begin under the presidency of the presiding Bishop or his appointee at 9 A. M., and adjournment shall take place at 12 M., unless otherwise ordered by Conference.

3. The Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference shall have authority to nominate their assistants.

4. The Presiding Elders shall nominate all standing committees, and notify them at least one month before Conference.

5. When any Committee of Examination in Conference studies reports that a member of the Class has failed to reach an average rank of sixty-five per cent in a possible one hundred, the report of said Committee shall be honored, and the member so reported shall not be advanced to the class of the next year. But if a member of the First or Third year fail to attain a rank of fifty-five per cent in any study, he may be advanced on condition that the deficiency be made up before he can be further advanced.

The Committee on Examination shall report to the Conference the average rank, and the rank in each study of each member of the classes, excepting the class for Admission on Trial.

6. In the passage of character, each preacher, as his name is called, shall rise and report as follows: Collections—all taken, or not all taken—amount raised for Missions, for Conference Claimants.

7. An Auditing Committee shall be one of the regular standing committees from year to year, to which shall be referred the accounts of the Conference Treasurer, the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, and accounts of the Presiding Elders, and all other accounts, which, in the judgment of the Conference, demand inspection.

8. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

9. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference, he shall distinctly announce the name of the member to whom he assigns it.

10. All motions or resolutions introduced by any member shall be written and presented in duplicate by the mover, if the President, Secretary, or any two members request it; and all reports shall be presented in duplicate.

11. When a motion or resolution is moved and seconded, or a report is presented, and is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, with the consent of the Conference, at any time before amendment or decision.

12. The motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to take from the table, or for the previous question, shall be taken without debate.

13. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which shall have precedence in the order in which they are here placed, namely:—(1.) To adjourn, (2.) To lay on the table. (3.) For the previous question. (4.) To postpone to a given time. (5.) To refer to a committee. (6.) Substitute. (7.) Amendment. (8.) To postpone indefinitely.

14. When a member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

15. When a member desires to speak to a question of privilege, he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided it a privileged question.

16. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain if he thinks himself misrepresented.

17. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without the leave of the Conference nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken: *provided*, however, that a committee making a report, shall in all cases be enttled to five minutes to close the debate.

18. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration; but a motion to reconsider a non-debatable motion shall be decided without debate.

19. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

20. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent, and every member who is within the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

21. It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays in any question before the Conference; and, if the call be sustained by twenty-five members present, the vote thereon shall be taken by yeas and nays.

22. It shall be in order to move that the question be taken without further debate, on any measure pending before the Conference, except in cases where character or Conference relations are involved; and if sustained by a *two-thirds* vote the question shall be so taken.

23. Any member may call for the reading of any paper before the Conference. If objection is made, the matter shall be decided by vote of Conference.

24. The Standing Committees shall include a Finance Committee of three persons. It shall be the duty of this Committee to provide for the current expenses of the Conference.

25. None of the above rules of order shall be suspended or changed except by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

26. The Committee of Admission to Conference shall examine all candidates for admission on Trial, for admission to Full Connection, and for re-admission to Conference, and report to the Conference.

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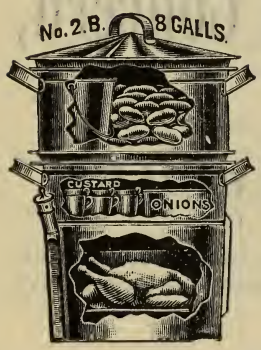

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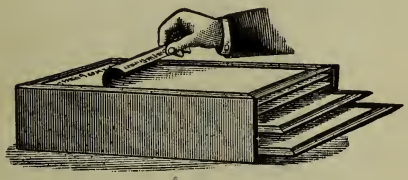

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